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PEOPLE'S





16 years of marriage, four children....then the horrifying truth came out, everything ended



Market cap of nine major Sensex companies increased by Rs 3.06 lakh crore

Eklavya: 'I wasn't...

Crucial

Over 300 litres of alcohol seized by Bihar police

New Delhi (Agency): On Friday afternoon, Bihar Police seized over 300 litres of branded foreign alcohol along the Jaipur-Banka route. Earlier in the day, the Jaipur Police Station in Banka had received a tip-off that a vehicle might be smuggling liquor from Jharkhand's Deoghar to Bihar. The liquor was being smuggled in a vehicle disguised as a school van, whose driver had fled, SDPO Belhar Rajkishore Kumar said. "The vehicle was loaded with over 300 liters of liquor.'

3 tourists, taxi driver killed in J-K road mishap

Srinagar (Agency): Three tourists from Maharashtra and their local driver were killed when the taxi they were travelling in collided with a bus at Gund village in Kangan area on the Srinagar-Sonamarg highway on Sunday. According to the police as many as 17 bus passengers sustained injuries in the mishap. The deceased were

identified as Leshia Ashish Pari, Nikki Ashish Pari, Hetal Ashish Pari from Maharashtra, and cab driver Faheem Ahmad of Srinagar.

SARS-CoV2 virus still circulating, but very weak: **Experts**

New Delhi (Agency): Five years after it precipitated the worst global healthcare crisis in over a century, the Covid-19 virus is still in circulation, infecting people, though its ability to cause a serious disease is severely weakened. This week, five years ago, India entered into a 21-day national lockdown, the strictest phase of restrictions. It all appears to be a bad memory now, but for three years, the SARS-CoV2 virus paralysed the entire world and resulted in the death of at least seven million people. More than 5.25 lakh of these deaths were recorded

in India. In May 2023, the WHO declared that Covid-19 was no longer a global health emergency.

Sneh Milan program organized on the occasion of Bihar Day,



Prasad, a statue will be installed

unprecedented contribution of Bihar society in the development of the country is discussed in the world.

Bhopal (Agency): Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, BJP State President and Khajuraho MP Vishnudutt Sharma, Bihar Government Minister Raju Kumar Singh and State Organization General Secretary Hitanand ji inaugurated the Sneh Milan program organized under the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" campaign organized on the occasion of Bihar Day at the BJP State Office on Sunday. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, while addressing the program, said that today Bihar is taking a new turn. In such a situation, it is necessary to have an NDA government in the country and Bihar. Our culture runs in the name of Lord Ram and Krishna, but the Congress and its allies have always blocked the path of Lord



Ram and Krishna. These are the people who stopped Advani ji's Rath Yatra during the Ram Janmabhoomi movement. All of you have to remember that whoever is not of Ram, is of no use. A park will also be built in Bhopal in the memory of former President Dr. Rajendra Prasad and his statue will also be installed. BJP State President and Khajuraho MP Vishnudutt Sharma said that Bihar has worked to keep religion, spirituality and culture intact. Bihar has taught democracy to the world. Vaishali Republic of Bihar was the first to teach democracy to the world. Bihar has taught a lesson to

those who killed democracy by imposing emergency in the country. People of Bihar are established in many countries of the world with their diligence, hard work and faith. People of Bhojpuri society are a big strength for Bhopal as well as Madhya Pradesh. Bihar Government Minister Raju Kumar Singh said that Bihar society has made an unprecedented contribution development of the country. The dedication and devotion of Bhojpuri society is discussed all over the country. The first voice against the foreigners was raised from Bihar. Support NDA for the development of the country and Bihar.

The country is in safe hands under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi - Raju Kumar Singh

Bihar government minister Raju Kumar Singh said that the whole of India knows that Bihar has been a land of knowledge and a land of penance. Many great yoga warriors and brave men were born here. If there was anyone who raised his voice first against the British rule and the foreigners, then it was Bhojpuri Babu Kumar Singh. Bihar has also been the land of Lord Buddha, Chanakya and Emperor Ashoka. I feel proud that I was born in the soil of Bihar. Whenever a Bihari goes to any corner of India, he gets respect with the feeling of Atithi Devo Bhava for his tradition, culture and dedication towards the country. When I came to Madhya Pradesh during the elections, I saw that a large number of Bihari society is associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party, I am very happy to see this. He said that today the country is in safe hands under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Everyone can breathe freely. I remember that in 1990, when I hoisted the tricolor in the hostel on 15 August, the police took me away and released me two days later. Today, it is the same India where my son shows me through a video call with the flag in his hand that I am singing Vande Mataram on the streets of Shimla. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the strength of the country has increased, the strength of India has increased. Today, we feel proud to go to any corner of the world and call ourselves Indians. Wherever you go, you will definitely see the unprecedented contribution of Bihar society. On the occasion of Bihar Day, Bihar Day is being celebrated not only in the whole country but also in various parts of the world. It is election time now and it is the responsibility of all of us to go to our respective areas and support the party for the development of the country and Bihar.

'Found burnt ₹500 notes'



Debris of cash spotted near Justice Varma's house

New Delhi (Agency): While Delhi high court judge Justice Yashwant Varma is facing a probe over cash being allegedly recovered from his official residence, a video of cash found among burning debris near his house has triggered speculation.

A burnt currency note is seen among the debris in a video shared by ANI, with the sanitation workers claiming that the rubble contained ₹500 notes. "We work in this circle. We collect garbage from the here 4-5 days back and collecting garbage when we found some small pieces of burnt ₹500 notes. We found it that day. Now, we have found 1-2 pieces...We do not know where a fire broke out. All we do is collect garbage.' Surender. another sanitation worker said,"We work with these garbage vans, we collect garbage. It has been 4-5 days when we found burnt

₹500 notes. We found

some pieces even now."

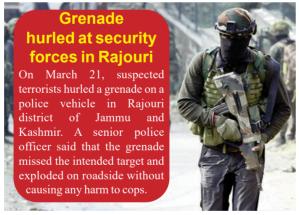
roads. We were cleaning

Justice Varma rejects

Justice Yashwant Varma addressed the issue to the Delhi high court's Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, striving to defend his integrity against what he called unfounded allegations. "For a judge, reputation and character are of utmost importance. Sadly, mine have been gravely tarnished and irreparably damaged by baseless claims built on unsubstantiated innuendos and the unfounded assumption that the cash reportedly discovered during the fire belonged to me,

Encounter breaks out between security forces and terrorists in J&K's Kathua

New Delhi (Agency): An encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Sunday evening, officials said. A search operation was launched in the Sanyal village of Indo- Pak border in Hiranagar sector area of Kathua district following suspicious movement of persons on Sunday evening. Officials said reinforcements have been rushed to the spot and further details are awaited. Earlier in the day, security forces launched a joint search operation after some 'suspicious movement' was noticed in the general area of Sangla in Surankot, in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district. The joint operation was launched by the Indian Army's Romeo Forces along with the



Poonch Police. In another development, a terrorist hideout was unearthed in a remote forest area in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, leading to recovery of a pistol and some ammunition. The hideout was unearthed during a joint search operation by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of local police and

Army in Bhalra forest area of Bhaderwah on Saturday. A pistol, its three magazines and six rounds and 25 rounds of AK assault rifle were recovered from the hideout, they said, adding no one was arrested during the operation which was conducted on a specific intelligence input following reports suspicious movement.

BMC issues desilting contract for two years, to cost Rs 468 crore

Mumbai (Agency): The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is set to begin the annual desilting of the drains and rivers in Mumbai from Tuesday.

According to the data furnished by the authorities, the cost of desilting the major and minor nullahs has been set at Rs 468 crore for two years as against Rs 249

crore for the last year. Speaking on the rise in cost, Mumbai's municipal commissioner and stateappointed administrator. Bhushan Gagrani, told The Indian Express, "For the first time in Mumbai, the contract for executing the desilting work has been awarded for two years. So, the overall figures include the cost of the project for a duration of two years."

Clinical trials will begin on mice

Meerut murder

What are Muskan Rastogi, Sahil Shukla's drug withdrawal symptoms?



Meerut (Agency): Muskan Rastogi and Sahil Shukla, incarcerated for allegedly murdering her husband Saurabh Rajput over their affair, have been suffering torturous drug withdrawal symptoms. They haven't properly since Wednesday and have shunned food, said the police, elaborating on their symptoms. "Muskan and Sahil are not able to sleep properly. They are also refusing to eat and drink,"

Muskan and Sahil are longtime drug abusers. The former's father had claimed that Sahil instigated Muskan to kill Saurabh because he would have interfered in their affair and drug abuse. The jail authorities have attributed their behaviour to withdrawal. Senior jail superintendent Viresh Raj Sharma said the accused were restless because they hadn't received drugs since

their arrest last week.

"Both Sahil and Muskan have been taking drugs for a long time. Due to this, they are having problems of restlessness and are not even able to sleep at night," he said. Their families appear to have shunned them as they haven't had any visitors.

Muskan Rastogi's parents had said she deserved a death sentence for allegedly killing Saurabh Rajput, who used to love and support her.

Muskan and Rajput got married in 2016 against his family's wishes. Muskan and Sahil had known each other since school and reconnected via a WhatsApp group in 2019, the police said.

She allegedly drugged Saurabh Rajput on March 4 and punctured his heart with three blows by a knife. They dismembered his body and sealed it inside a drum with

2 killed, 67 injured, 600 houses damaged in rain, hailstorm



(Agency): Bhubaneswar, At least two persons were killed, 67 others injured and over 600 houses damaged due to rain, thunderstorms and lightning in separate places across Odisha in the last 24 hours, officials said on Saturday. Two persons died due to lightning strikes in Ganjam

and Puri districts on Saturday and 67 people were injured after being hit by hailstorm in Mayurbhanj district. Seven of them were serious and hospitalised in Mayurbhanj district headquarters hospital, they said. A report from Ganjam district said that rain accompanied thunderstorms and lightning

lashed several areas in the district. The unseasonal rain waterlogging in several areas in Berhampur town. A Class 10 student died on Saturday due to the lightning near Narayanpur in Patrapur block of Ganjam district. The deceased was identified as Rajesh Kumar Goud. He was returning from Bamakei to his home when the lightning struck him and he died on the spot, officials said. A report from Puri district said that one Manoj Kumar Nayak died on Saturday due to strike lightning Gobardhanpur village. He along with his parents, had gone to the paddy paddy field to drain excess water caused

by the heavy rains

AMU doctors discovered a new drug for brain cancer after 20 years of research

Aligarh (Agency): Researchers at Hayat Shahi, members Dr. Mushir the Interdisciplinary Brain Research Center of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) have

discovered a new drug for brain cancer. The drug 'ARSH-Q' made for the treatment of brain cancer in the university has also been patented. Research on this has been going on in the university since 2005. Now clinical trials will be conducted on mice. After this,

clinical trials will be conducted on humans. The research team says that this drug will be much more effective than other drugs. Research team leader Dr. Mehndi

Ahmed, Arif Ali, Mohammad Muzammil, Basri and Swaleh P. were delighted when positive

options. The researchers said that their aim was to effective chemotherapy efforts, the

brain cancer again. Most deaths

occur due to brain cancer. The

discovery of this drug is a ray of

hope for more effective treatment

find a drug that is more Temozolomide. After a lot of research and 'ARSH-Q" was discovered, which has given extraordinary

results in initial tests. "ARSH-Q" has shown extraordinary ability to stop brain cancer cells. Especially those stem cells that are resistant to



Research on this new drug for brain cancer has been going on since 2005. Brain cells (not human brain) were ordered from America and testing was started on them. Work has been done on Sonic Hedgehog cell signaling pathway, which is important for the role of stem cells in brain cancer and other fatal diseases. After this, the drug "ARSH-Q" was discovered, which has given good results in initial tests. Now clinical trials will be done on mice. After that clinical trials will be done on humans. - Dr. Mehndi Hayat Shahi, Researcher, Interdisciplinary Brain Research Centre, AMU.



results came in the ongoing research on brain cancer. This drug is going to prove to be a lifesaver for those cancer patients and people who have the possibility of

radiation and chemotherapy.





Volunteers celebrating the annual festival of Ganga Prabhat Branch neutral,

Annual festival of Ganga Prabhat Shakha, volunteers demonstrated skills of routine

Staff Reporter

Mirzapur, The festival of the Ganga Prabhat branch of the RSS to be held at Ghantaghar Maidan in the city was celebrated with great pomp on Sunday. After the inauguration flag worship, the department The union conductor Tilakdhari and the city union conductor Prabhu did it. Full uniforms, Savanyasvako performed his skills among the society by demonstrating sports, yoga, exercises,

equality etc. in the regular branch. Thereafter, the day the single song will go to Soya Rashtra, the direction will be removed and the birthplace is great from the birthplace heaven. Subsequently, Department Union and Senior Union AdvocateThe path Tilakdhari was received. The departmental organization said that the RSS is a 100 year youth organization and the Sangh volunteers and activists, the ambassador, who comes to all the challenges in life, but also makes the volunteer adverse the adverse environment. Not

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namaskar,

the volunteers is that we are going to meet the opportunity to see the Sauva year of RSS. They

It is said that through the

annual festival, we get an opportunity to display how much change in the society and how much qualitative development has taken place in the personality of the workers. He said that after the establishment of 1925, in 15 years, the union was given by the founder in every district of India, Dr. Reacted and told Guruji when my health was spoiled that after my death you have to fulfill the Gurutar responsibility. Second Sarsanghchalak Guruji took the work of the union to each tehsil level of all the provinces of India between 1940 and 1973. Today, it is non -politics, NGOs all over the world, which is not a grant, compassion and grace, but the sacrifice of volunteers

women of India to play a

vital role in the nation's

progress and development.

By providing them with

industry-specific skills in the

financial sector, we are

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careers and entrepreneurial

As per the MoU, specialised

training programmes that are

National Skills Qualification

Framework (NSQF)-aligned

will be offered to candidates.

They will be provided

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job or embark on their

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is the result of penance and continuous hard work. The department organization said that the saffron flag is abstract, cannot speak. But this is a witness to the rise of Hindu society. In 1925, Dr. Saheb said "India is a Hindu nation and Hindutva is nationalism" and our Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat ji has said that "India is a Hindu nation and there can be no compromise on it". On this occasion cum city proceedings Ritesh, city physical head Akhilesh, city system chief Vinod, city religion Jagran chief Balaji, promotional head Vimlesh, head teacher Ashok, Banshi, Lakhan, Saurabh, Akash, Dharmendra, Rajesh, Ramji, Vinay, Akshay, Shankar Lal, Rajkumar and all the volunteers and people were present. The operation was conducted by Nagar Dharma Jagran chief Balaji

Mirzapur police got big success, 3 arrested with heroin worth 6.5 cr

Kingpin injured by bullet in leg. **a** in police custodyundergo ing treatment

Staff Reporter

Mirzapur, Major action has been taken by the joint team of police station Kotwali Katra, police station Rajgarh SOG/Surveillance against the accused involved in drug smuggling/sales. Police Three accused concerned have arrested by the teams recovered heroin worth about Rs 6.50 crore. In which the main smuggler Nanhe Kasera son late Munna Kasera resident Tulsi Chowk police station Kotwali Katra district Mirjapur, who has a total of 06 cases filed. After the arrest by the heroin smuggler Nanhe Kasera, the police team was told about the recovery of additional drugs, on which accused by the police teamThe smuggler was taken together and reached the place mentioned. The information of the recovery of drugs was found



Additional **Superintendent of Police** City Nitesh Singh giving information about

arrested heroin smuggler to be wrong, where the accused was already hidden by the accused and suddenly an attempt was made to flee by firing on the police team. During this time a constable was also injured and in the retaliation taken by the police team, the main accused heroin smuggler Nanhe Kasera was shot in the leg of the above. Injured in police custody The accused (heroin smuggler) has been sent to the district hospital for treatment and advance statutory action is being taken in this regard. The situation of peace and law and order on the spot is

BRIEFS

Malabar Gold & Diamonds unveils New Showroom



Varanasi: Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the responsible

jeweller proudly announces its latest showroom in

Bhelupur, Varanasi. Spanning an expansive 7350 sq. ft., the new store is designed to offer customers a world-class shopping experience with an exquisite collection of jewellery across diverse designs and styles. This launch marks another step in the brand's commitment to expanding its footprint in North India while delivering exceptional craftsmanship and service. Along with this, take advantage of the attractive offer, where you will get free gold coins on every ₹25,000 purchase, offer valid till March 30, 2025, terms and conditions apply. The showroom marks the brand's 13th outlet in the Northern region of India, further strengthening its presence and leadership in the region. The new showroom inauguration ceremony was graced by the presence of Honorable Mayor of Varanasi Shri Ashok Tiwari, and Honorable member of the Legislative Assembly (Saiyad Raja constituency) Shri Shushil Singh alongside members of the management team, valued customers, and well-wishers.

With a global footprint of over 390 plus showrooms across 13 countries—including India, the Middle East, the USA, the UK, Canada, and Australia-Malabar Gold & Diamonds is renowned for its wide-ranging collections, exceptional quality, and customer-centric approach. Strengthening its presence further, the brand is set to expand with 12 new showrooms opening across India in March, reinforcing its commitment to making premium jewellery more accessible. Backed by a dedicated team of 22,000 multilingual employees across 26 countries, the brand has served over 15 million satisfied customers worldwide.

The new showroom offers an extensive collection of gold, diamond, platinum, gemstone and silver jewellery, designed to suit various tastes and occasions. From traditional designs that reflect India's cultural heritage to contemporary styles for modern sensibilities, the showroom caters to diverse preferences.

In a statement marking the momentous occasion, MP Ahammed, Chairman of Malabar Group, stated, "We are delighted to unveil our 2nd showroom in Varanasi, a city known for its rich cultural heritage, spiritual significance, and timeless craftsmanship. At Malabar Gold & Diamonds, we are dedicated to offering jewellery that reflects timeless artistry and elegance. With a strong focus on quality, integrity, and customer delight, we are excited to bring our finest collections to Bhelupur, Varanasi, and provide an unparalleled shopping experience to the community."

Power workers resolved for decisive struggle against privatization

Staff Reporter

Mirzapur, On the call of the **Electricity Employees Joint** Conflict Committee, a huge electricity mahapanchayat has been organized on 24 March in protest against the privatization of electricity in Meerut. Today, on March 23, electricity workers paid homage to the immortal martyrs and electricity

Pledged for decisive struggle against the privatization of On the sacrifice day of Shaheed Azam Bhagat Singh Rajguru and Sukhdev, the power workers gathered across the state and paid tribute to the martyrs. Electricity personnel pledged that the power assets worth lakhs of crores of rupees will not allow the private houses to go to the hands of the private houses and the struggle will continue until the decision of privatization is withdrawn. Officials of the Sangharsh Samiti said that the electricity mahapanchayat has been organized in Meerut on 24 March to protest against the privatization of Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam and Dakshinchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam. In this electricity mahapanchayat, the electricity workers of all the districts under West Manchal Vidyut



maximum number. Representatives of consumers and farmers were also called in electricity mahapanchayat. A resolution will be passed against the ongoing illegal process of privatization of electricity at the Electricity Mahapanchayat and decisive struggle will be announced. Protests will be organized on all other districts and projects of the state on 24 March. Today's protest meeting in front of Chief Engineer Office Engineer Deepak Singh, Anshu Kumar Pandey, Er. Vineet Mishra, Er. Sumit, Kumar Yadav, Er. Deep Kumar, Rajesh Kumar Gautam, Ram Janma, Er. Pankaj Kumar, Brijesh Kumar, Er. Shambhu Kumar, Vinay Kumar, Er. Ram Singh, Sunil Kumar, Rakesh Kumar etc were present.

NSDC and PayPal empowering youth skills in financial sector empowering the youth and

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Varanasi: National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has partnered with PavPal to empower youth, including women, from lowincome families through skill development across India.As part of PayPal CSR programme, the two formalised organisations their collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch a comprehensive skill development initiative, specifically targeting India's Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sector. Dr Rishikesh Patankar, Vice President, NSDCand Srini Venkatesan, Global Chief

presence of senior members families through development. livelihood

"At NSDC, our mission is to prepare youth with the essential skills required for This collaboration signifies a

through ensure that they are jobready.

employment. Technology Officer, PayPal,

Niranjan,

of both theorganisations on Friday. The key objective of the MoU is the economic empowerment for thousands of youth, with a special focus on women from low-income candidates will be provided opportunities enhancement,soft skills and personality development training. The trainingwill

Dr Rishikesh Patankarsaid,

Relationship Associate, Customer Service Associate-Financial Services, Sales Associate- Direct Channel, MIS Analyst- Financial Services, GST Assistant and Account Assistant. This will ensure that the candidates receive high-quality training and develop the financial acumen needed to secure a

Committee of Legislative Council reviewed proposed works

 Proposal should be taken from public representatives Municipality toll free number 1535 should be promoted and make people

exchanged the MoU in

aware Keeping in mind public facilities. **District** Panchayat and Municipal Corporation increase their income resources: Chairman

District Magistrate gave information about progress and proposed action plans and achievements of all departments

Staff Reporter

Mirzapur: Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council Chairman Brijesh Kumar Singh, headed by 'Princeu' and committee member Ashutosh Sinha, busy in the presence of Dr. Jaipal Singh Busha The meeting was convened in the District Auditorium. Panchavat District Magistrate Priyanka

Superintendent of Police Somen Burma, District President BJP Brij Bhushan Singh besides committee's private secretary Dhemendra Singh, Abhishek Kumar Pandey Review Officer, Brijesh Yadav Finance Writer, Ankur Yadav Additional Secretary, (F/R) Shiv Pratap Shukla, Additional Superintendent

of Police, City magistrate Vineet Upadhyay, officers related to all departments should be present. In the meeting, all the municipal bodies, District Panchayat and Housing Development and Authority and further information about the proposed work were taken from each officer. District Magistrate Priyanka Niranjan has given the district officer Priyanka Niranjan about the proposed works and construction works etc. for further work and construction works for further in the district municipalities/panchayat

development/Vindhya

Development Authority.

housing

Gave detailed information. municipality so that more and Chairman Brijesh Kumar Singh 'Prinshuu' directed the Additional Chief Officer Zilla Panchayat that to increase the registos/income of the Zilla Panchayat,

more people can be known and benefited. He gave the schemes related to civil health in urban areas. Taking information, he instructed to make it available to the



register the tower of lan, private hospitals, various companies in the district panchayat and register with public facilities so that income can increase so that income can increase. Similarly on the reservoir to increase income in municipalities Discussions should be held. Directing all the executive officers of the municipalities, he said that the citizens of the urban area should be propagated by putting up hoardings etc. in the municipality on the toll number 1535 to register their complaints in

people smoothly. Apart from this, information was taken about the facilities of which areas are established in the city area. While emphasizing the spraying of anti-larva and other pesticides in the cities, he said that all should work on a war footing to effectively make communicable disease campaign to be started from 01 April 2025. They Taking information about the quality of anti-larvae spraying and pesticides, he said that medicines should purchased from certified and information about the Inter Colleges and Maha schools operated under municipalities, the District School Inspector and District Basic Education Officer and Executive Officer directed the municipality that the school is being overthrown. Do proper arrangements for buildings, drinking water, toilets in the school should also be decided whether the appointments of teachers are complete as per the standard of students. In view of the summer season, he directed that preparations should be made by making action plans for drinking water supply in urban areas.

Directed taking information about medical waste disposal private hospitals established in urban areasIt was done that medical waste should be disposed of regularly correctly. He directed the detailed information about available vehicles/tractors. transported vehicles/tractors and vehicle drivers, cleaning kamiro etc. located in the municipalities, that the need to keep the city area clean and

increased according to the standard and the cleaning workers should be increased. Various in municipal areasDetailed information was taken about type of tax collection, facilities being provided to citizens. Information about STP, sewerage and every house tap connection was also received under the parks and urban areas constructed under the Global Urban Scheme and Amrit Yojana in the municipal areas. He directed P.O. Duda and said that in residential schemes from the public representatives of the district Action plan should be made only by taking a proposal. Additional Chief Officer District Panchayat Surendra Verma, Deputy District Magistrate Sadar Gulab Chandra, District Magistrate Vivek Javla, District Earth and Number Officer Babu Lal, Executive Officer Municipality Goa Lal, Executive Officer Municipality Ahaira, Chunar and Nagar Pachay Kachhwa, **Executive Engineer Housing** Development were present.

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COLORS Stories That Define Bharat's Soul



Staff Reporter Varanasi: The vibrant pulse of Indore is captured in all its

glory in 'Suman Indori', which brings to life the city that thrives on its food and culture. The bustling lanes of Sarafa Bazaar come alive on screen when the show started, where you saw Suman, a feisty girl known as the queen of chaat bringing alive the famous chaat culture of Indore. The show is a family drama where swabhimaan collides with abhimaan in an explosive showdown between a dabangdevrani and a tezjethani. It's a recipe for power play as these two feisty women clash in a battle of wits and one-upwomanship. Bringing the age-old conflict with a modern spin, the storyline captures an entertaining tug-of-war between Devika, the jethani, and Suman, the devrani, reluctantly married to Teerth, the scion of a prominent family. The backdrop of the show often takes a spiritual turn at KhajuranaMandir, where devotion breathes life into its characters and their journeys. 'Doree' is a tale woven with the threads of Varanasi's rich legacy, where history, faith, and artistry converge in an unforgettable tapestry of emotions. The show immerses viewers in the heart of the city with its legendary saree shops, where craftsmanship passed down through generations meets modern aspirations, keeping a centuries-old tradition alive. At the core of this beautiful milieu is Doree herself, whose life has come full circle. Once abandoned by her biological family, Doree finds new purpose when she rescues a girl child who was tossed into the river. As Doree grows up, she becomes a fierce advocate for the bunkars, the real-life community of weavers who forms the backbone of Varanasi's textile heritage.

Mahila Vyapar Mandal President Sunita Soni holds Holi Milan Samaroh

Staff Reporter

Varanasi: Holi Milan Samaroh was organized under the chairmanship of Varanasi Mahila Vyapar Mandal President Sunita Soni with great joy and celebration in which chief guest Ayush Minister Dayashankar Mishra and Dr. Sujit Singh BJP Convener Panchayat Cell Kashi were present and special guest was Metropolitan BJP President Pradeep Agrahari. Everyone had a lot of fun with flowers and roses in the flowery Holi Milan Samaroh and Sanjeev Rai ji was newly appointed as the President of Varanasi Hotel Association, another new branch of Varanasi Mahila Vyapar Mandal. All the respected people who came were honored by Varanasi Mahila Vyapar Mandal President Sunita Soni by giving them dupatta, momento goods. Everyone enjoyed the cultural music in the Holi Milan Samaroh and danced a lot to the music. Varanasi Mahila Vyapar Mandal President Sunita Soni expressed her gratitude in which media in-charge Raju Soni, Ravi Shankar Pandey, President Ganesh Mishra, President Shiv Sonkar, President R.K. Singh, President Hamraj Sabri, President Ishan Ahmed, President Saqib Siddiqui, President Mamta Gupta, Vice President Shabana Bano, Vijay Kapoor, Uday Rao, Patron Dr. Anurag Tandon, Paras Kesari, Munna Kasera, Upendra Jaiswal, Dayashankar Seth, Vishnu Dayal Seth, Anuradha Saraf, Nazia Begum, Advocate Sanju Verma, Ishika Singh, Rekha Sonkar, Advocate Ganesh Shankar Pandey, Shiv Shankar Pandey, Brijpal Agrahari, Ajay Gupta, Indraman Agrahari, Abhishek Gupta etc. were present with their families.

SEBI imposed a fine of Rs 50 lakh on 10 institutions

Mumbai (Agency). Indian capital market regulator SEBI imposed a fine of Rs 50 lakh on 10 institutions involved in non-authentic trading in the illiquid stock options segment of BSE. A fine of Rs 5 lakh was imposed on each entity, which includes Sachin Jain HUF, Motilal Baid, Ajay Nopani, Diwakar Jha, Baghdevi Suppliers Private Limited, Rita R Thakkar, Kala Suppliers Private Limited, Megha Sitaram Nibhawani, Jayanti and Amit Shaw. SEBI found that these institutions reversal trades in the illiquid stock options segment of BSE between 2014 September 2015, which created artificial volume. SEBI said that reversal trades have no financial logic and it works to mislead investors by increasing fake volume in the market. Apart from this, SEBI canceled the merchant banker license of Corporate Strategic Alliance Private Limited.

Consumption in India will double by **2034: Report**

New Delhi (Agency). Consumption in India is increasing continuously. Contributing 56 percent to the country's total GDP, this is one such sector, which has the fastest growth rate. Due to which India will soon economies and become the consumption capital of the world. A report says that due to the fastest growing consumer base world, consumption in India will double by 2034. The trend of single family has an important role in this, due to which domestic growth in India is outpacing population growth and it is emerging as a major driver of increasing consumption. The report further said that the relief given to taxpayers on the tax front in the budget for the financial year 2025-26 will generate Rs 1 lakh crore, which will boost incremental consumption of Rs 3.3 lakh crore. It has the potential to increase Indian GDP by one

percent. LIC announces entry into health insurance

Mumbai (Agency). Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has made a big announcement for its customers, and this time it is not only for life insurance services. LIC is now ready to enter the health insurance sector as well. The company's Executive Siddharth Mohanty said that LIC is in the process of partnering with another company, and this deal can be announced before March 31. Selection is being done for the partnership, but the name of the company is still mysterious. While talking to the media, a company official said that it is possible that LIC's new partner could be Manipal Cigna Health Insurance. The decision to enter health insurance is a confident and natural one for LIC. Through this partnership, LIC will only acquire 51 percent or less stake, which will be determined based on the valuation done by the company's board of and other directors factors.

Rupee rallies to 85.98 **against US dollar**



Mumbai (Agency): The Indian rupee on Friday strengthened past the 86 mark against the US dollar for the first time since January, driven by a surge in foreign investments in the domestic capital and debt markets.

The rupee appreciated by 39 paise, ending at 85.98 against the US dollar, compared to Thursday's close of 86.37. This marks the rupee's eighth straight day of gains, registering its best weekly performance since January 2023. The rupee has risen by 1.78 per cent in March so far, following a decline in the dollar index. However, for the current financial year, it has still recorded a 2.8 per cent decline.

"The rupee's gain was supported by stronger-thanexpected trade data and a rise in foreign exchange reserves following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) USD-INR swap intervention. These factors together have helped bolster the local currency," said Dilip Parmar, Senior Research Analyst, HDFC Securities. RBI's efforts have paid off, with the rupee emerging as the top performer among Asian currencies so far this month, he said

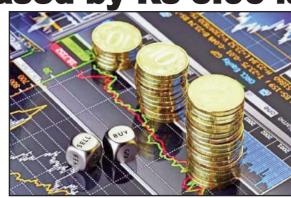
Jateen Trivedi, research analyst - commodity and currency, LKP Securities, said FII inflows surged with strong buying figures in recent days. "The Fed's decision to hold rates steady and its forecast for lower interest rates ahead pulled the dollar down, providing significant support to the rupee. However, major capital market strengthening gives rupee the strong push higher," he said. Stock markets remained strong amid bargain hunting and FII inflows. The Sensex gained 0.73 per cent, or 557 points, to 76,905.51 and the NSE Nifty Index rose 0.69 per cent, or 159 points, to 23,350.40 on Friday.

Market cap of nine major Sensex companies increased by Rs 3.06 lakh crore

ICICI Bank and Bharti Airtel benefited the most

New Delhi (Agency). Last capitalization of nine of the 10 major Sensex companies collectively increased by Rs 3,06,243.74 crore. ICICI Bank and Bharti Airtel benefited the most. During the week under review, the market capitalization of

ICICI Bank rose by Rs 64,426.27 crore to Rs 9,47,628.46 crore. ICICI Bank was the biggest gainer during the week. The market valuation of Bharti Airtel rose by Rs 53,286.17 crore to Rs 9,84,354.44 crore. The market position of HDFC Bank jumped by 49,105.12 crore to 13,54,275.11 crore. The market valuation of Reliance Industries Limited rose by Rs 39,311.54 crore to Rs 17,27,339.74 crore and that of Bajaj Finance rose by Rs 30,953.71 crore to Rs



Consultancy Services (TCS) valuation rose by Rs 24,259.28 crore to Rs 12,95,058.25 crore. State

Bank of India (SBI) market cap rose by Rs 22,534.67 crore to Rs 6,72,023.89 crore. Hindustan Unilever valuation rose by Rs

16,823.08 crore to Rs 5,28,058.89 crore. Infosys added Rs 5,543.9 crore during the week, taking its market valuation to Rs 6,61,364.38 crore. contrast, ITC's market capitalisation fell by Rs 7,570.64 crore to Rs 5,07,796.04 crore. Reliance Industries remained at the top spot in the list of top 10 companies. It was followed by HDFC Bank, TCS, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Infosys, Bajaj Finance, Hindustan Unilever and ITC, respectively.

Car prices will increase from April, companies announced



New Delhi (Agency). The prices of cars of most companies in the country are likely to increase from April. Amid the increase in production costs and operating expenses, big companies like Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra and Mahindra, Hyundai have announced to increase the prices. The country's largest transport company Maruti Suzuki India has announced to increase the price of all its models by up to four percent. Apart from this, companies like Tata Motors, Mahindra and Mahindra, Kia, Honda, Renault, BMW have also announced to increase the prices of their

vehicles. There are many reasons behind this increase in car prices, such as decrease in demand for utility and commercial vehicles and increase in operating costs due to addition of new features. Along with this, currency fluctuations are also affecting the prices of cars. Leaders in the car production sector believe that such an increase in price is a normal process, which is possible due to decrease in demand for utility and commercial vehicles and other reasons. Auto sector experts said car manufacturers in India usually hike prices twice. One at the beginning of the calendar year and the other at the beginning of the financial year. He said the extent of the hike may vary, it may be related to currency fluctuations, where we need to spend more to import the same product, item or component. The rupee has depreciated by

three per cent against the US dollar in the last six months, affecting sectors that are more dependent on imports. This directly or indirectly affects the cost of production.

Parliamentary panel urges Centre to extend PLI tenure, curb red tape New Delhi (Agency): The consistently played a crucial international markets," the direct and indirect jobs.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce on gave its recommendation for the government to extend the tenure and scope of the ongoing Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to more sectors and improve its effectiveness by reducing "administrative delays" and "compliance burdens".

"The committee is of the view that the PLI's effectiveness could be further enhanced by extending its duration, administrative reducing delays, and easing compliance burdens. The committee recommends that the scope of the PLI scheme be expanded to include other with high sectors employment potential, such as the chemicals sector and

labour-intensive industries like leather, apparel, toys, jewellery, and handicrafts," the panel report stated. The committee highlighted

that capacity development in value-added garments within the man-made fibre (MMF) segment requires government attention.

government must engage with Export Promotion Councils and other stakeholders to address demands for changes in the PLI scheme, such as covering additional highpotential MMF apparel products and reducing the value addition criteria," the report said.

Regarding pharmaceutical sector, the panel noted that India's pharmaceutical industry is a significant contributor to foreign trade and has

"However,

report stated. The panel also noted that PLI obstacles



pharmaceutical exports need attention. The prompt committee, therefore, suggests that suitable provisions be made in the PLI scheme, in consultation with stakeholders, to safeguard manufacturers against price fluctuations in have been notified and are at stages of implementation. As December 2023, actual investment of Rs 1.07 lakh crore had been realised, leading to production or sales worth Rs 8.70 lakh crore and the creation of around 7 lakh

Exports have exceeded Rs 3.40 lakh crore, with significant contributions electronics, pharmaceuticals, and food processing, the report added. Reuters reported on Friday that the government has decided to let the PLI scheme lapse. According to two officials cited in the report, the scheme will not be expanded beyond the 14 pilot sectors, and production deadlines will not be extended despite requests from some participating firms.

However, the report stated that the end of the PLI programme does not indicate an abandonment of the government's manufacturing ambitions, since alternative strategies are being planned.

Banks ask gold loan borrowers to settle accounts for loan extension



Mumbai (Agency): JV Joseph had taken a gold loan of Rs 5.3 lakh for one year from a nationalised bank's Kochi branch at an interest rate of 12 per cent a year ago. However, when he received a notice from the bank for repayment of the loan amount on March 1, he was in a fix. The bank demanded that Joseph must repay the loan and close it in order to receive an extension of one more year, failing which the gold would be auctioned. However, Joseph, who was broke, was unable to repay the loan and he wanted to repledge the gold and extend the loan. The catch was that the bank insisted he repay the full loan amount before repledging it. After lengthy negotiations, the bank provided an overdraft facility for a few hours to facilitate the closure and repledging, but this is not a luxury many borrowers can take recourse to.

Joseph's experience with a gold loan is a stark reminder of the challenges borrowers face from banks in the gold loans

After the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked lenders to tighten the gold loans processes in September last year, the new system introduced by banks has come under fire from borrowers, who are now required to repay the full principal and interest on the loan if they want to repledge the gold and ask for an extension of the loan. Earlier, borrowers could repledge the jewellery on the same day by paying only the interest. The change has made it costlier for borrowers, as they will have to borrow again to repledge the loan and extend the loan tenure for another year. "We are now asking gold loan borrowers to repay the full amount and close the loan before giving any extension. We have got instructions," said the manager of a private bank.

Moreover, banks will re-appraise the gold to reconfirm its purity, and borrowers may be slapped with a processing fee, making it costlier for them. This has left many borrowers feeling trapped, with no easy way out. Earlier borrowers could redeem and repledge the jewellery on the same day by paying only the interest.

"Some banks are giving overdraft facility for a day to gold loan borrowers to enable them repay the principal and interest while renewing the tenure.

Grok, unhinged! Who is responsible for Al chatbot's sensational responses on X?

So. when Grok uses a misogynist Hindi expletive when responding to a user about their most prominent mutuals, or calls Musk one of the biggest sources of misinformation on the social media platform – it led to people asking Grok a flurry of questions, directly through their posts, or as comments to other posts.

New Delhi (Agency): With the Indian government in touch with Elon Musk's X over stirring responses generated by its artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot Grok, the question that many in the government are grappling with is: Who is actually responsible for the retorts that the AI has been

producing on the social

sweeping takes, colouring some conservative users, including X founder Musk, as the biggest spreaders of misinformation — Grok's responses to questions posed by Indian users have so far turned out to be an amalgamation of the attitudes and demeanour familiar to those who

Laden with profanities,

media platform?

Here are some facts: Grok is not a person, at best, it is a computer code running on high-end compute at the back end, and at its worst, that code periodically churns out the underbelly of the data that has been fed to it. Grok is artificial, its intelligence

frequently use the social

network.

debatable.

So, when Grok uses a misogynist Hindi expletive when responding to a user about their most prominent mutuals, or calls Musk one of the biggest sources of misinformation on the social media platform — it led to

questions, directly through their posts, or as comments to other posts. This piece aims to demystify three main concerns around

people asking Grok a flurry held liable for hosting thirdparty content.

While that convention itself is currently being debated given virality and the potential of speech on such



what's happening with Grok: who is responsible for its responses, are the people asking it questions somehow liable, and if Grok is a source

Internet platforms such as X, Meta, and YouTube have legal protection from the content that their users post. This, in law, is called safe harbour — the argument being platforms have no control over what users are posting. They are mere conduits, so they can not be

platforms to cause real world harms, the million dollar question is whether Grok, an artificial output generator, can have safe harbour protections.

That is a complex question to deal with for lawmakers. X told the Indian government that it has been trained on the open-Internet, which presumably also includes content that users post on X. So, in a way, everything that Grok generates is based on what

people spending years on the Internet have produced. But can then they be held responsible? That is like asking if the ocean can be sued for being wet.

Besides, speech is a highly protected category in India, with the Indian Constitution affording the freedom of expression as a fundamental right, with some reasonable restrictions. But, those rights are available to human beings. Humans' speech should be censored only under select circumstances when they obviously violate restrictions laid down in the Constitution. Does Grok have the right to unfettered free speech? And what is Grok's free speech even? Its code essentially determines what the next word in a sentence should be, which is a factor of the underlying dataset it has been trained on, which in turn is generated by actual humans. Both the code, and the content in the language model.

So, many would argue that

the liability of Grok's responses primarily lies with xAI, its creators, and X for allowing Grok to produce responses without any filters. But that too raises some pertinent questions. How does one hold creators of an algorithm responsible? Is it the highly-paid people who have written the code, or the low-wage data annotators? These are questions that

regulators around the world are unlikely to have a quick, and accurate answer to. "Grok is certainly not a real person, it's an artificial entity. But some of its responses are definitely problematic. interesting, and difficult problem, that us in government will have to figure out," a senior government official said.

Should you trust Grok?

The short answer to that question is, AI responses should not be treated as accurate pieces of information, no matter how much they satiate one's socio-political beliefs. Already, platforms are applying filters on their AI models to restrict their political speech in order to stay safe from government scrutiny.

As India headed to Lok Sabha elections last year, Google said it will restrict the types of election-related questions users can ask its artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot Gemini in the country. Earlier, Krutrim, the chatbot developed by an Indian AI startup founded by Bhavish Aggarwal of Ola, had been found to self-censor on certain keywords. AI platforms are built to predict the next word in a phrase, and to try and satisfy the query a user has asked — and models like Grok have so far shown they will do anything to achieve that, beg, borrow

EDITORIAL

Red Sea Escalation

The latest wave of US air strikes on Houthi positions in Yemen marks a dangerous escalation in a regional conflict that is fast becoming a global concern. The strikes, justified as a response to persistent Houthi attacks on shipping in the Red Sea, underscore how localised in surgencies can have disproportionate effects on international stability. What was once an internal Yemeni struggle has transformed into a theatre for global confrontation, drawing in major powers and endangering critical maritime routes. At the heart of this confrontation is the strategic Red Sea, a waterway through which nearly 15 per cent of global maritime trade passes. The Houthis' targeting of commercial vessels ~ under the banner of supporting Palestinians in the Gaza conflict ~ has disrupted global shipping routes and forced companies to divert around southern Africa, increasing costs and delaying supplies. The consequences extend beyond regional rivalries, threatening energy flows, trade bal



ances, and economic stability far Yemen's from shores. The Red Sea's transformation from a vital trade artery into a conflict zone high lights the danger ous ripple effects regional wars can

have on global commerce, energy security, and geopolitical stability. The Houthis, backed by Iran, have framed their actions as solidarity with Palestinians, but their tactics ~ attack ing international shipping indiscriminately ~ have undermined that claim. Their strikes have not only targeted vessels allegedly linked to Israel but also neutral ships, exacerbating the crisis in global maritime logistics.

Despite repeated warnings and military actions from the US and its allies, the Houthis have remained defiant, vowing to escalate their campaign in response to Western strike. The American response, described as "decisive and powerful," reflects a growing frustration with what many in Washington see as unchecked Houthi aggression. But this strategy of overwhelming force carries risks. Air strikes may degrade Houthi capabilities temporarily, but history shows that such campaigns often fail to achieve lasting security. Instead, they risk deepening Yemen's humanitarian crisis and fuelling anti-Western sentiment that can be exploited by both the Houthis and their Iranian backers. Moreover, the potential for miscalculation is high. Iran's involvement, both direct and through proxies, turns Yemen into a flashpoint for a wider regional conflict. American threats to Tehran signal a willingness to expand the confrontation, a prospect that could draw in other powers and destabilise West Asia. Meanwhile, Russia's call for restraint and dialogue points to the complex geopolitical balancing act at play. Ultimately, a purely military solution is unlikely to secure freedom of navigation in the Red Sea. Without a parallel diplomatic effort aimed at de-escalation and addressing the underlying grievances that fuel the Houthi insurgency, the risk is that each new strike only perpetuates an endless cycle of retaliation. Protecting vital global trade routes will require not only strength but also strategic patience and diplomacy

Balancing the Union

India's impending delimitation exercise presents a complex and deeply emotive challenge. At its heart lies the old North-South divide ~ an issue that has simmered quietly for decades but now threatens to reshape the political future of the world's largest democracy. The fundamental tension stems from an irony. Southern states, through consistent investments in education, healthcare and social welfare have succeeded in reducing nonulation growth. Northern states, by contrast, still grapple with higher fertility rates and developmental challenges. Yet it is the population that largely determines political representation. As a result, the South now fears being penalised for its progress. Delimitation has the potential to drastically increase parliamentary seats for northern states, shifting the power axis decisively towards the Hindi belt. States like Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, already influential, could see their clout multiply. Southern states, particularly Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, could see their



relative influence shrink ~ despite their stronger economic and social indicators. At the heart of this debate lies a deeper question: should India prioritise political equity or demographic reality? Reconciling these competing imperatives is critical to maintaining the delicate balance that underpins India's federal structure

and democratic ethos. This is not just a question of numbers but of competing visions for India. Southern states often pride themselves on a pluralistic, inclusive political culture, emphasising federalism and linguistic identity. A new power imbalance could widen existing rifts, giving rise to regional discontent and even fuelling separatist undercurrents. The challenge for India's leadership is to manage this delicate recalibration without breaking the federal compact. Any delimitation must recognise that representation cannot be determined solely by population. Governance outcomes, economic contribution, and demographic responsibility should carry weight in deciding parliamentary influence.

If not, the perception that New Delhi is indifferent to regional equity will gain traction. Fiscal federalism is another key concern. Southern states already contribute more to the central pool of taxes than they receive in return. A power shift without addressing this imbalance could deepen resentment. States that are already vocal about perceived injustices ~ like Tamil Nadu ~ may intensify their demands for greater autonomy or even for a restructured union. Yet, there is also an opportunity here. A transparent, consultative process on de limitation can open the door for broader reforms in In dia's federal system. Weighted representation models, balancing population with other metrics, have been successfully implemented in countries like Canada and Australia. India can evolve its own framework that respects both equity and unity. Delimitation is inevitable. But it can not be allowed to become a zero-sum game where some states "win" and others "lose." India's federal design must adapt, ensuring that diversity continues to be its strength rather than its fault line. If handled with sensitivity and foresight, delimitation can renew the federal spirit. If mishandled, it risks eroding the hard-earned consensus that has held India together for over seven decades

Using Digital India to make the tourist experience seamless in the country

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It's time for policymakers, industry leaders, and digital innovators to come together and build the India Tourism Stack a public good that can catalyse inclusive economic growth and elevate India's global tourism stature



many travellers, visiting India is a sensory adventure but also a logistical challenge. From world-class airports to street-side chai stalls, the contrast is striking. What if digital innovation could bridge this gap and make discovering India as effortless as it is enriching? Indeed, India is often perceived as a difficult destination, lacking a seamless experience and proving hard to navigate. Paradoxically, the country boasts some of the world's finest infrastructure. Our airports are exceptional, our hotels offer world-class service, our highways rank among the best, and the Vande Bharat trains are transforming travel. Yet, challenges persist: Finding a reliable taxi operator, securing tickets for tourist attractions, and other logistical hurdles often make travel difficult without the assistance of a tour operator. If India is to double tourism's contribution from 5.04 per cent to the global average of 10 per cent in the next decade and generate 25 million jobs within five years, we must broaden our appeal to independent travellers. The key lies in making travel seamless, frictionless, empowering, and digitally intuitive for both domestic and international tourists. India Stack has revolutionised various facets of daily life through world-class Digital Public Infrastructure. It is now time to extend this success to tourism by developing an India Tourism Stack. Leveraging the existing of DigiLocker, DigiYatra, UPI, and ONDC. we can redefine travel in India and set a new global benchmark.

DigiLocker, a secure cloudbased platform, allows Indian citizens to store, access, and share digital documents issued government agencies, eliminating the need for physical copies. It already holds essential identification documents like Aadhaar and can be expanded to include edetails. Tokenised identification through QR codes can facilitate instant authentication for inner line permits, restricted area permits. national park entries, and major monuments. Hotel check-ins and airport procedures can be streamlined through these QR codes, reducing document mishandling and data theft risks. Moreover, foreign visitor data requiring intimation to the Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRRO) can be automatically updated in real time, enhancing security. e-Residency program, which provides blockchain-backed digital identities to foreigners, offers an excellent reference model. DigiYatra, a biometric-based digital travel system, enables seamless, paperless, and

contactless airport entry and using recognition. This technology can be extended to tourist attractions and train travel for faster, hassle-free access. Singapore's Changi Airport and China's railway system successfully implemented biometric-based boarding systems. Artificial intelligence (AI) can

be deployed to manage entry time slots, reducing peak-hour congestion and long wait times. Smart systems can redirect tourists to nearby attractions when a site reaches capacity. while real-time crowd density alerts can be sent via mobile notifications, electronic signage, and navigation apps. India's instant interoperable digital payment system, has revolutionised transactions with seamless real-time payments. Enabling UPI for international credit cards can be a game changer, eliminating the anxiety of currency conversion and cash handling while overcoming the limitations of credit card acceptance. An existing provision for linking RuPay credit cards with UPI can be extended to Visa, MasterCard, and Amex, allowing real-time authorisation or the creation of an auto-replenishing digital wallet. OR code-based UPI payments would facilitate transactions. encouraging local spending on street vendors, artisans, and small businesses such as coconut sellers and tea vendors. Additionally, implementing a seamless GST refund mechanism for foreign tourists on UPI purchases beyond a set threshold can boost Indian retail. China's WeChat Pay and Alipay exemplify the success of credit card-linked mobile payments at scale.

Preparations to cover up the Verma case

rores of rupees in cash have been found in a room in the house of a judge of the Delhi High Court. Due to which there is a state of panic in the Delhi High Court and the judiciary. For the first time, such a huge amount of cash worth crores of rupees has been found in the house of any judge. On the day of Holi, when the judge sahab was out of the house, a fire broke out in his house. The fire brigade team arrived and extinguished the fire. The fire brigade team saw cash kept in a room. They had mentioned this in their report, which has come to light that they retracted later. Even after the Supreme Court was aware of this for the last several days, this matter was suppressed. The Supreme Court collegium has recommended the transfer of Delhi High Court judge Yashwant Verma to the Allahabad High Court. After that, the news of crores of rupees being found from the judge's house became public. Questions have also been raised on the way the Central Government and the Supreme Court kept this matter hidden for about 5 days. For the last few years, there have been many allegations and counterallegations about corruption and bribery in the judiciary. Senior Supreme Court advocate Prashant Bhushan has also spoken publicly from time to time about the corruption in the judiciary and the central government preparing dossiers of the High Court and Supreme Court judges. For the last two-three years, a situation of dispute between the government and the judiciary was seen from time to time regarding the recommendation of the names of judges by the Collegium, appointment and transfer posting. Allegations such as reluctance by the High Court and Supreme Court judges in hearing petitions against the government, taking decisions under pressure from the government have been made from time to time by senior advocates. It is being said that crores of rupees have been seized from the house of Delhi High Court judge Yashwant Verma. Neither the Supreme Court collegium has given official information about this. Nor has the government confirmed it yet. Yashwant Verma has been in controversies for many of his decisions. Before the Lok Sabha elections, the bank accounts of the Congress were seized by the Income Tax Department. Verma had immediately rejected the Congress petition without hearing it. Whatever decisions have been taken by him, they have been in accordance with the wishes of the government. Income tax related cases have been resolved in Verma's court, in which there was a dispute of crores of rupees. Such things are being discussed in the judicial world. The recommendation of the Supreme Court Collegium to transfer Yashwant Verma is being considered an attempt to hush up this matter. Its strong reaction is being seen in the judicial world. The recommendation made by the Collegium in Allahabad High Court and Supreme Court Bar is also being considered inadequate. The corruption prevailing in the judiciary is being discussed all over the country.

Baluch Conundrum

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South Asian theatre but also as a gateway to West Asia and the Central Asian arc. The country's landscape stretches from the towering Karakoram Pass in the northeast to vital naval routes through the Arabian Sea.

OVER

BALOCHISTA

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As we enter Pakistan, we cannot undermine its critical role not only in the South Asian theatre but also as a gateway to West Asia and the Central Asian arc. The country's landscape stretches from the towering Karakoram Pass in the northeast to vital naval routes through the Arabian Sea. Despite this strategic significance that adds to its potential gain, Pakistan has faced significant challenges including internal power struggles, militancy, and proxy conflicts aimed at challenging India, particularly over Kashmir.

These issues persist alongside a pervasive culture of corruption and kickbacks that undermines governance. Additionally, there is a growing social distrust that deepens polarisation within society, shaking hopes for overcoming these obstacles. The absence of a social compact and the need for a credible performance state further complicate the prospects for stability and progress in Pakistan. Recently, Pakistan has dominated news headlines due to the escalating Baloch issue as the disconcerting news of the hijack of the Jaffar express by the Balochistan Liberation Army led to widespread panic in the subcontinent and highlighted ongoing tensions in the beleaguered country. We must appreciate the gravity of this situation in the backdrop of global events. While there is a glimmer of hope for a potential resolution to the prolonged Russia-Ukraine conflict, this in no way takes us towards a predictable silver line of respite. It applies to the failed state of Yemen as much as it is evident in the pressing challenges faced by conflict-torn states like Pakistan.

The nation, described as a 'garrison state," confronts a sort of Hobbesian dilemma as it has struggled with chronic ethnonationalism and deepen-

ing economic woes for over seventy-five years, ever since its independence. Its policymakers have tended to adopt temporary populist solutions rather than addressing these issues comprehensively. As a result, today there is a significant risk that these unresolved tensions could escalate into more severe conflicts, threatening stability in an already tense neighbourhood where interference of the Chinese Dragon is a matter of concern. It will not be an exaggeration to state that Pakistan's focus from the very outset has not been on resetting its constitutional framework for balanced power sharing with minorities. Instead, it has relied heavily on two main pillars: first, an overreliance on foreign aid rather than fostering sustainable economic reforms to generate ample domestic revenue; second, it has always overreacted and sensationalised a persistent narrative of insecurity that

serves to silence dissent and bolster military authority. This approach not only un-

marily rooted in the brutal suppression by the Pakistani army and the alienation stemming from policies that have perpetuated underdevelopment in the province.

The lack of meaningful engagement with the Baloch leadership could be seen as a treacherous move on the part of the ruling establishment that exacerbated tensions, while on-go-

have led to widespread human rights violations, characterized by what Human Rights Watch describes as a "kill and dump" policy employed by the Pakistani state. Furthermore, the inequitable distribution of economic benefits from initiatives like the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has infeelings tensified marginalization among the Baloch people. While building of infrastructure is an imperative for the Pakistani state, the situation is complicated by a scenario of resistance put up by the Baloch tribes coupled with a narrative that often involves blaming India for alleged clandestine involvement in Baloch affairs.

According to some commentators, this strategy is designed to distract attention from the governmental onus to address the root causes of brewing discontent. The cumulative effect of tremendous state repression and torture has deepened the sense of regional deprivation

creating a cycle of violence and reprisal that continues to fuel the crisis. A faction of Pakistan's political elite has repeatedly sought assistance from the American government to classify the Baloch group as a proscribed entity, but the US has declined this request, stating that the group has not engaged in terrorist activities outside Pakistan.

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Paradoxically on the other hand, the same Atlantic power has been pressing and cajoling Pakistan to operate on its behalf. This situation is further complicated by Pakistan's foundational illusion that India's involvement has intensified the conflict, viewing it as a strategic pressure valve to undermine Pakistan's support for the Kashmir cause. On the whole, there exists a denial within the Pakistani state regarding the political dimensions of this long-standing issue. Observers of Pakistani politics and sectarian violence, including Christophe Jaffrelot, Ahmed Rashid, and Frederic Grare, might concur on this point

fundamentally different from typical sectarian violence. The situation in Baluchistan is complex and cannot be simplistically equated with radicalization leading to terrorist state-bashing. To do so would be a disservice to the nuanced realities of the region. The Baluch cause, rooted in historical grievances and demands for autonomy, stands in stark contrast to the jihadi campaigns that often seek to propagate hatred and violence for ideological purposes. This distinction highlights an unequal turf war where marginalized voices are fighting against systemic oppression rather than engaging in a broader jihadist agenda. Moreover, this scenario does not align neatly with Antonio Gramsci's concepts of "war of manoeuvre" and "war of position." Instead, it presents a unique quad of terror characterized by a strong backlash from disenfranchised segments of society. The state's response has often been marked by paradoxical ambivalence, oscillating between repression and neglect, which further complicates the dynamics at play. Such a backdrop arms the opposition with a potent victim narrative that can galvanize support both locally

that the unrest in Balochistan is

and internationally. Understanding Baluchistan requires acknowledging these layers of complexity rather than reducing them to mere comparisons with other forms of conflict. The interplay between imbrication of state actions, societal responses including the implications for women as a conflict ravaged subnationality, and historical contexts creates a distinct environment and saga that necessitates careful consideration with sympathetic engagement and grassroots diplomacy. However, it is a conjecture because the track record of Pakistan points to an ominous future.



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BRIEFS

Neither the people nor the dead are safe in Pakistan

Islamabad (Agency). In Pakistan, which is burning in the fire of terror, even the bodies kept in the hospital are not safe. The rebels of the Baloch Liberation Army attacked the hospital and ran away with the bodies of their comrades killed during the train hijack in Pakistan.

After the train hijack, many Baloch rebels were killed in several actions taken by the army, whose bodies were kept in the Civil Hospital of Quetta, the provincial capital of Balochistan. Yesterday, a large number of Baloch rebels attacked the hospital and ran away with the bodies of their comrades. During this time, there was no one to oppose them. The army personnel who were deployed for the security of the hospital also cowered in fear of the Baloch rebels who arrived in large numbers. On the other hand, there is a rush of relatives of the missing persons in the hospital and they are demanding permission to identify the bodies. Some passengers also died in this incident, but the army has confirmed the death of only the rebels

London's Heathrow Airport opened after 18 hours

London (Agency). Heathrow Airport in Britain's capital London opened after 18 hours. British Airways flight landed here. Actually, a fire broke out in an electrical substation near the airport on Thursday night. Due to which the airport operation had to be stopped. Due to the shutdown, 1350 flights were suspended, which affected 2 thousand passengers. The fire broke out in Hayes, West London. Due to this, power supply to more than 5 thousand houses was disrupted. Britain's Counter Terrorism Police is investigating this matter. Police is trying to find out whether there was any wrong intention behind the fire at the substation.

Trump's latest statement, will Musk's role be limited



President Donald Trump said that war plans should not be shared with his advisor Elon Musk due to his business interests. Trump's statement is being seen as limiting Musk's extensive role in the administration. Trump made this comment during a meeting.

He dismissed reports that Musk would be told how the US would fight the hypothetical war with China. The President said, "Elon has business in China. And maybe he is susceptible

However, he praised Musk's patriotism. Trump had earlier evaded questions about Musk's possible conflict of interest by saying. The President said that Musk visited the Pentagon (headquarters of US Defense Department) on Friday morning to discuss cost reduction, which he is working on through the Department of Government Efficiency.

Trump makes another sports stop, attends NCAA wrestling championships

New Delhi (Agency). US President Donald Trump made a high-profile appearance at the NCAA wrestling championships on Saturday night, reinforcing his pattern of sports-focused travels in his new term. Arriving at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia to loud cheers and a standing ovation, Trump pumped his fists as chants of "USA!" filled the arena.

With Penn State aiming for its fourth consecutive team title, Trump stood just off the mat, personally congratulating victorious wrestlers.

"We're going to the big fight. The reason I'm going is in Philadelphia. They have the NCAA, world, wrestling for college. And I've always supported the wrestlers," Trump told reporters, as per AP, before departing the White House on Friday evening. "I want to support them. These are the great college wrestlers from the various schools." The president was joined on his trip by billionaire and adviser Elon Musk. Upon arrival in Philadelphia, he was greeted by Oklahoma Sen. Markwayne Mullin, a former MMA fighter. Trump's own ties

Trump had his days as a football

player at the New York Military multiple Academy. In the early 1980s, he owned the New Jersey Generals

high-profile appearances at major sporting events, attending the Super Bowl



in the now-defunct United States Football League (USFL) and famously sued the NFL in an unsuccessful attempt to force a merger. As president, he has strategically linked sports with his political brand. He also highlights his frequently executive order banning transgender athletes from competing in girls' and women's sports. This wasn't Trump's first visit to the NCAA wrestling championships. He previously attended in 2023, when the tournament was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, as a candidate for reelection. Since returning to the

White House, Trump has made

500 in Florida, where his motorcade took a lap around the track. Before his inauguration, he also attended a UFC fight in New

While his recent travels have centered largely on sporting events rather than policy announcements, Trump also made stops in North Carolina to assess hurricane damage and in Los Angeles to visit wildfireaffected areas. In January, he delivered a speech and visited the casino floor at Circa Resort & Casino in Las Vegas before addressing a House Republican policy conference in Florida.

After Biden, Trump revokes security clearances for Kamala Harris and **Hillary Clinton**

US President Donald Trump revoked security clearances for several prominent Democratic figures on Friday, including former Vice President Kamala Harris and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, reported Reuters. The decision is Trump's latest action against his political opponents.

"I have determined that it is no longer in the national interest for the following individuals to access classified information," Trump stated in a memorandum issued late Friday. The list also includes former Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

The memorandum was issued just hours after Trump arrived at his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf property for the weekend. Trump's decision also affects several other notable figures, including Republican former Representative Liz Cheney, former Biden White House national security adviser Jake

Sullivan, and Fiona Hill, a Russia expert who previously served on Trump's National Security Council. Among those impacted are Mark Zaid, a national security lawyer in Washington who represents whistleblowers, and Adam Kinzinger, a former Republican lawmaker known for his criticism of Trump. The move also extends to former President Joe Biden, who previously had his security clearance revoked, effectively denying the former president access to US intelligence briefings.

updates to provide counsel on national security and foreign policy matters. In 2021, then-President Biden revoked Trump's security clearance after his departure from office, setting a precedent for the current situation.

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Traditionally, former US

Consumption of raw sprouts is harmful for health



New Delhi (Agency). If you also eat sprouts, then it is important to know what is the right way to eat it. According to dieticians, sprouts are rich in vitamins A, B, C and E as well as calcium, iron and magnesium. These nutrients not only strengthen bones, but are also helpful in weight loss. Apart from this, sprouts also help controlling cholesterol, improving eyesight and strengthening the immune system. It strengthens the body from within and improves intestinal function. Often people like to eat sprouts raw, but a recent research has revealed that consumption of raw sprouts can be harmful to health. According to experts, there is a high possibility of bacteria growing in raw sprouts, which can cause many stomach problems. Eating raw sprouts puts extra pressure on the digestive system, which can cause gas, bloating and other digestive problems. If you want to consume sprouts, it is more beneficial to eat it cooked. There are two correct ways to eat sprouts.

Anti-government protests in Serbia, allegations of use of sonic weapons

Belgrade (Agency). Protests against the government are increasing continuously in Serbia. The public was already angry about corruption and administrative negligence, but this anger flared up after many people died due to the collapse of the roof of the railway station built last year. Recently, on March 15, a big anti-corruption rally was taken out in Belgrade, in which the protesters were paying tribute to those killed in the station accident. During this time, a mysterious loud sound echoed, due to which many protesters started having ear pain, headache and dizziness. After this, the protesters alleged

that the government used banned sonic weapons to disperse the However, government has completely rejected these allegations and has assured to take the help of the FBI and the Russian investigative agency FSB for a fair investigation of the matter. But the public outrage did not subside. Many videos of this incident have surfaced on social media, in which it can be seen that after suddenly hearing a loud sound, people sat down holding their ears and some people fell on the ground. Experts say that such incidents have been seen before

and it is called sonic attack. Sonic weapons use extremely



sound to waves people knock unconscious, cause pain or put them into a state of confusion.

They can also have permanent effects on the body, such as deafness, neurological damage and mental disorders. These to control the crowd, but now they can also be used to secretly target opponents. This is not the first case when the use of sonic weapons has been suspected. In 2016, American diplomats in Havana, the capital of Cuba, also suffered a similar mysterious disease, which was named Havana syndrome. At that time too, it was suspected that it was a microwave attack, which was carried out by enemy countries. Sonic weapons have been used many times in history. During World War II, Hitler's scientists tried to develop an infrasonic cannon, so that sound waves could damage the internal organs

of the enemy. However, this plan did not succeed. During the Iraq war, the US army used weapons to control protesters that produced sound of more than 150 decibels and could burst people's eardrums. This alleged sonic attack in Belgrade has raised concerns internationally. If it is confirmed, it could become a case of serious violation of human rights. The public in Serbia was already angry against the government and now this incident has further intensified the protests. Despite government's denial. protesters allege that new methods are being used to suppress their voice.

Elections in Bangladesh in December, all parties should start preparing

Dhaka (Agency). Bangladesh's Information Advisor Mahfuz Alam said that the elections will be held in December as scheduled and he urged all parties to prepare for it. According to reports, Mahfuz said, "Chief Advisor Mohammad Yunus has said that the elections are to be held on time. Elections are likely in December this year. A deadline has already been set and elections have to be held within that time frame. Everyone should start preparing for the elections." According to the report, Mahfouz said that if political parties work responsibly, stop sabotage and the state organs cooperate properly, then elections can be held on time.



In this photo provided by the Ukrainian emergency service, firefighters extinguish a fire that broke out at a warehouse following a Russian attack in Odessa, Ukraine, on Friday.

Rats try to help their unconscious companions: Research

California (Agency). actively try to help their unconscious companions. They not only lick their companions' faces, but also pull their tongues and mouths many times. In a recent research, researchers found that rats who spend more time with their companions care for them more intensely. This behavior proved to be helpful in speeding up the recovery of unconscious rats. University of Southern California researcher Wenjian Sun described it as an "instinctive emergency response". Sun said that this is the first time a study has proved that rats try to help their unconscious



companions without any training. Caring behavior has also been observed in other animals. Dolphins, elephants and primates injured companions. However, behavior like tongue-

biting and tongue-pulling has been recorded for the first time in rats. Research also found that rats spend more time with unconscious rats than their awake companions. During the 13-minute test, the

percent of their time with their unconscious partner. Initially they licked lightly, but gradually their activities became more intense. The mice did not need visual cues to recognize their unconscious partner. Even in the dark, they showed caring behavior. The mice that received more intense grooming regained consciousness faster. Interestingly, as soon as the rat consciousness, the caring rat stopped its activity. In another study, researchers at UCLA tried to understand the neurological reasons for this behavior.

mice spent an average of 47

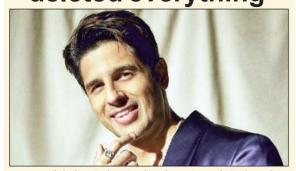
16 years of marriage, four children....then the horrifying truth came out, everything ended



Beijing (Agency). 16 years of marriage, four children, and then one day suddenly everything ended. This story will be so shocking that anyone's mind will be baffled after hearing it. A man decided to divorce his wife, but when the husband came to know such a truth, it took away all the happiness of his life. This matter has become a topic of discussion in the whole of China. Actually, the man did not get the DNA test report, but in a way, the 'character certificate' of his wife. Despite this, the man kept the custody of his two elder daughters with himself. The man's name is Chen Zhixian. This story begins from December 2007, when Chen married Yu Hua. Yu was 8 years younger than him and was a simple woman. Chen's parents were pressuring them to get married soon, so without thinking much, both of them got married. Just a few days after the marriage, Yu told that she was pregnant. Chen was so happy to become a father that he did not suspect that

pregnancy in such a short time meant that Yu was already going to be the mother of someone else's child. Soon their first daughter was born. Chen was a truck driver who used to stay out of the house due to long distance travel. That is why he rarely returned to his home in Jiangxi province. Time passed and Yu gave birth to a second daughter. Chen thought that this was his own child. But in 2019, when Yu talked about the third pregnancy, the worm of doubt stirred in Chen's mind for the first time. He was not at home when the child was conceived. He questioned Yu, but Yu said that the child was his. Chen believed the matter and the third daughter was born. But the real shock came when in November 2022, Chen came to know that Yu was having an affair with a man named Wu. Not only this, Yu gave birth to a fourth daughter in a hospital. Chen quietly went to the hospital and got the matter investigated and found out that his name and fake signature were on the release form.

Kichcha Sudeep's daughter cried when Sidharth Malhotra got married, had 700 posters pinned on Instagram: 'Cried and deleted everything'



richcha Sudeep's daughter Saanvi Sudeep has grown up around many celebrities but in a recent interview, Saanvi shared that she has had crushed on movie stars ever since she was little. Saanvi said that she had a crush on Sidharth Malhotra ever since she first saw him in Karan Johar's 2012 film Student of the Year. Saanvi confessed that she was quite upset when Sidharth got married to Kiara Advani and cried a lot. So much so that her friends sent her condolence messages when Sidharth tied

In a chat shared on Jinal Modi's YouTube channel, Saanvi said that apart from Allu Arjun, her longest celebrity crush was Sidharth Malhotra. "I had a crush on him from the moment I saw him," she said. Saanvi then added, "I have fully cried when he got married. To a point where I put a meme on my story saying 'Alexa, play Channa Mereya'." Saanvi said that before Sidharth got married, she would share all the posters featuring Sidharth on her Instagram stories and would keep saving all of them in 'Highlights' section. At one point, Saanvi had around 700 stories featuring Sidharth but then she deleted all of them. "Until then I used to put all his fan page posters, I used to put them on my story and I used to highlight them. Each highlight has 100 stories and I had seven filled highlights on my profile with just Sidharth Malhotra pictures. After he got married, I felt a little embarrassed to have them on my profile," she said.

Saanvi said that if she ends up becoming an actor, he might find it very odd that her social media handles are all about him. "Because I was just thinking, that one day I should become an actor, suppose he just happens to look at my profile, what must he think of me after that. That's when I deleted everything. I cried when I was doing it but I deleted everything," she said with a laugh.

Selena Gomez-Benny Blanco's I Said I Love You blends familiar and new sounds

ewly engaged Selena Gomez and Benny Blanco have dropped a collaborative album titled I Said I Love You. The 14-track album is a mix of different sounds, some very familiar to Gomez, some not so much. Blanco's presence is felt heavily in some tracks, overshadowing almost Gomez's vocals, but both artistes seem to be giving each other a chance to do something different.

Songs like "Young and Hotter Than Me" and "Don't Wanna Cry" are only in the album for one purpose, and that is Gomez telling her ex (quite possibly the one and only Justin Bieber) how she has moved on in her life. While the former has good melodies and a well defined structure, there is nothing innately deep about the tracks. "Cowboy" sounds like when your friend tells you a little bit too much about their date, the stuff you

Hindi. However, things would

have been different if Vikram had

trusted director Vidhu Vinod

In an interview to Scroll post the

release of Anand Shankar's Iru

Mugan, Vikram opened up about

the time VVC offered him the

2007 film Eklavya: The Royal

Guard. Talking about how age

shouldn't be a limiting factor

for actors, Vikram said,

"About 10 years back, Vidhu

Vinod Chopra called me and

asked if I could do the role of

a 60-70 year-old man in

Eklavya. I said I couldn't do it."

Eklavya: The Royal Guard

featured Amitabh Bachchan,

Saif Ali Khan, Vidya Balan,

Jackie Shroff, Boman Irani, and

Chopra's confidence in him.



want to know. GloRilla, who is an extremely gifted rapper, only shows up to say a few

"Sunset Boulevard" and "Bluest uncharted

Selena Gomez, especially the latter. You would think an artiste would actually sing on their record, but the vocals are so behind in priority that anyone could have sung that song, and no one would even know. "Bluest Flames" is a strange mix between house and trap music and a rather forgettable part of this album. One of the best tracks from the album is "Ojos Tristes", featuring Marias. The song is a remake of the famous Spanish song "El Muchacho De Los Ojos Tristes" sung by Jeanette. Blanco has bought into the 'lofi' thing a bit much, but the bossa nova sound works, and Marias holds her own alongside Gomez. Another lesson in how simple is better is the last track on the album "Scared of Loving You". The vocals are backed by simple but effective chord patterns played on a guitar, and Gomez sings the words

When Vikram almost made his Hindi debut as a '60-70 year-old man' in Eklavya: 'I wasn't sure...but Vidhu Vinod Chopra was confident'

ven before Pushpa, RRR, Baahubali and even Sivaji: The Boss, there was another film that made waves all across India cutting across linguistic barriers. It was Shankar's 2005 movie Anniyan, headlined by National Awardwinner Vikram. The Telugu version of the film titled Aparichitudu was a huge blockbuster, and the Hindi version Aparichit was a success too. It made Vikram a household name, especially with its stellar run in the satellite circuit.

In fact, despite the soaring popularity of Vikram, he never were

starred in a standalone Hindi film. Although there was Raavan (2010) and David (2013), both of them simultaneously an old interview, Vikram revealed in Tamil

that he was considered by Vidhu Vinod Chopra for the 2007 film Eklavya: The Royal Guard, but had to reject it because he wasn't confident about playing an old man.

Sanjay Dutt in pivotal roles. From Vikram's words, it can be assumed that he was offered the role of Amitabh Bachchan in the film. "Vidhu Vinod Chopra told me that I could do the role because I had done Annivan. But I wasn't sure I could carry it off,

career, Vikram hasn't yet played the role of an old man. Talking about playing his age, Vikram, in the same interview, said, "I don't think an actor's age is of any importance. It is about how he so I didn't. looks and if he can carry off a particular role. You can't fool people. But if I can manage took young and fresh, I would continue doing these roles." On the acting front, Vikram is awaiting the release of his muchawaited film, Veera Dheera Sooran, which is helmed by

> The movie, which also stars Dushara Vijayan, SJ Suryah, and Suraj Venjaramoodu, will hit the screens on March

Chithha director Su Arun Kumar.

could do it one day, I would," said

Vikram. Despite playing a

myriad of roles in his stellar

Locked movie review: **Dead in the Drive**



he Dolus SUV that is the real star of Locked (actually a Land Rover remodelled for the film) reeks of money, with dark tinted glasses, beige leather seats, and a crested logo that if you look closely features Lady Justice.

Locked wants you to look very, very closely, and not just at that logo, and exclaim "how clever". But even a milliondollar ride (the suggested price of the vehicle) can't hold the weight of this film where income inequality wrestles liberal permissiveness wrestles old vs young world view wrestles cancel culture wrestles Dostoevsky wrestles daddy guilt.

And that is not even counting the heavyweight Anthony Hopkins and the nolightweight-himself Bill Skarsgard who tap into their chops to power all those ideas forward.

Skarsgard is Barry, a down-and-out petty criminal who is out of cash and in danger of losing any remaining credibility with his young daughter. He is counting on his old van, now in repairs, to turn a new leaf, but even that requires money.

Adolescence review: Netflix goes god-

tier with one of the greatest shows in modern TV history

Netflix's new mini-series is incendiary; it's a haunting examination of parenthood and pubescent rage, emotional isolation and

inherited trauma, ingrate influencers and mental illness.

Netflix should flexing its UK arm more often. It seems to be doing all the heavy-lifting, especially when it comes to long-form programming. After last vear's One Day and The Gentlemen. Netflix UK has already delivered two stellar new shows this year; incidentally, the same writer is involved with both. Just a few weeks ago, the prolific Jack Thorne spearheaded Toxic Town, a crowdpleasing drama about social injustice, told from the perspective of the women that were most affected by it. Thorne's latest is the even better Adolescence, a psychological thriller that he co-created with actor Stephen Graham. It's only March, but Adolescence, the fascinating examination of masculinity and urban alienation that it reveals itself to be, is already a contender for the best show of the year. When 13-year-old Jamie Miller is arrested for the murder of a classmate named Katie, his family — father Eddie, mother Manda, and sister Lisa — refuse to believe the allegations, even though the

is clearly stacked against him. In the opening scene, Jamie is yanked from his home, shoved into a waiting police van, and sent into remand. All of it unfolds in one unbroken take. In fact, the entire episode — and the three that follow - have been filmed in what the industry likes to call 'oners'. They progress in real time, meaning that Jamie's arrest and his eventual incarceration happens across an actual hour.

It's an incredibly ambitious trick to perform, but director Philip Barantini has experience in this department. He directed the electric feature film Boiling Point, which captured a chaotic evening at a newly opened fine dining restaurant from the perspective of a tortured chef, played by Graham. The fiery performer - Graham broke out with a memorable supporting turn in Shane Meadows' This is England — reunites with Barantini as Jamie's dad in Adolescence. Even though each of its four episodes utilise the 'oner' to incredible effect — the narrative is urgent, immersive, and almost unbearably tense — they stand apart from each other in tone. The first episode covers Jamie's arrest and the devastation that it leaves his family in.



Ayaan Agnihotri calls his uncle Salman Khan 'loving and funny': 'There is always so much to learn from him'

Ayaan Agnihotri, who is the son of Alvira Agnihotri and actor Atul Agnihotri, recently opened up about the thought process of his uncles Salman, Arbaaz and Sohali Khan. Calling Salman loving and funny, Ayaan also revealed the Sikandar actor's best life advice for him. In an interview with India Today Digital, Ayaan, who is known by the stage name Agni,

revealed that his uncle Salman is only tough when needed. "It's a beautiful balance of all love and also being tough. He has never let us feel that we have got it easy. He did not let it get in our heads that things would be easy for us because other members of the family worked hard and made it. Mamu also told us that this may not be the reality for us. We may work hard and not make it. So we cannot feel



entitled and disappointed. Rather, we should just work towards doing what makes us

happy. He told us that we should be willing to commit to our life regardless of whether

The musician was also asked if Salman makes the children in the family sit down for motivational conversations. He replied, "It has happened at family lunches or dinners or when we are spending time in Panvel (the farmhouse). There are times when he expresses himself to us and tells us what he is feeling or thinking. It could be about what has happened in his life or what's sermons, but he likes to express or introspect out loud to us about life, and how things and people are. There is always so much to learn from him, and he wants us to know better. He's always asked us to focus on the basics and be good. He has always asked us to be the best to people who want us to be bad to them. That is the greatest response to

Fired Marvel star Jonathan Majors secretly marries **Meagan Good** ahead of Hollywood comeback: Report

ormer Marvel star Jonathan Majors has reportedly tied the knot with fiancée Meagan Good, just ahead of his highly anticipated Hollywood comeback. According to Entertainment Tonight on March 19, 2025, the couple secretly said "I do" during an intimate ceremony at their Los Angeles home on Tuesday. Majors first confirmed their engagement while posing on the red

carpet at the EBONY Power 100 Gala back in November 2024. The couple, who has been linked since 2023, announced their engagement 11 months after Majors was found guilty of assaulting his ex-girlfriend. Reports reveal that Jonathan Majors' mother, a pastor, officiated the intimate ceremony, while Meagan Good's mom, Tyra Wardlow-Doyle, served as the sole witness. In the end, it was just the lovebirds and their mothers as exchanged vows in a private, low-key affair. Good, known for her breakout role in Eve's Bayou (1997)

before starring as Nina in Nickelodeon's Cousin Skeeter (1998-2001), reportedly grew closer to Majors during one of the most tumultuous chapters of his life. She was often spotted by his side, even attending several of his court appearances together. Meagan Good, meanwhile, was previously married to pastor DeVon Franklin; their divorce was finalised in June 2022. In a recent chat with ET, the Harlem actress described finding herself in "a place of peace and complete thankfulness" as their relationship continues to grow. Majors also opened up about their connection during his interview with ET's Kevin Frazier, calling Meagan his "best friend" and biggest motivator. "I think Meagan and I do a good job of meeting each other where we are," the Magazine Dreams star shared. "You don't truly know someone until you've gone through every season with them... and we've seen each other in every one." Jonathan Majors is preparing for his big-screen return with Magazine Dreams. The film is set to hit theatres on March 21. Written and directed by Elijah Bynum, the film had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival on January 20, 2023. It was initially scheduled for a December release last year, but those plans were put on hold after Majors faced assault charges. In December 2023, a jury found him guilty of "misdemeanour assault and harassment." By November, Majors' ex-girlfriend Grace Jabbari dropped the assault and defamation lawsuit she had filed against him in federal court, following an out-of-court settlement.

Lucknow **Supergiants** will include Shardul as an alternative to **Mohsin**

New Delhi (Agency). Allrounder Shardul Thakur, who is out of the Indian team. has reached Visakhapatnam with the Lucknow Supergiants team. From this, it is believed that the Supergiants team will include Shardul in place of injured fast bowler Mohsin Khan. Shardul was not bought by anyone in the auction held last year, but as soon as the tournament started, he got the support of the Supergiants.

Lucknow Supergiants have to play their first match in IPL 2025 against Delhi Capitals on March 24. The Lucknow team is troubled by the injury of its fast bowlers, so it would like to fill this gap to a great extent by taking experienced Shardul. The team's 4 fast bowlers are Mayank Yadav, Avesh Khan, Akash Deep and Mohsin will not play in the initial matches of the tournament due to injury. Mayank, Akash Deep and Avesh can return after a few matches but there is no possibility of Mohsin playing, due to which Shardul is sure to get a place in the team.

Lucknow had included Shardul in its team ever since it set up a training camp this season. The reason for this is that the team had made him a part of its plan from the very



Athletes from Switzerland and Poland participating in the World Athletics Championships in China.

Virat Kohli wore a watch worth Rs 2.50 crore



Delhi (Agency). Recently, Indian cricketer Virat Kohli was seen in Kolkata for IPL 2025. As soon as he entered the city wearing the jersey of Royal Challengers Bangalore, fans immediately noticed his watch. The watch that Virat Kohli wore was the Rolex Daytona Le Mans 100th Anniversary Watch.

It costs around Rs 2.50 crore. A luxury apartment can easily be bought in Delhi for this price. Virat Kohli's fondness for expensive watches is not hidden from Along with this, it also has a

anyone. This time too he attracted everyone with his watch

He was recently in Kolkata for IPL 2025. He wore the jersey of Royal Challengers Bangalore. People immediately noticed his stunning watch. The watch that Virat Kohli wore was the Rolex Daytona. This is a special watch made on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Le Mans. This watch is known for its beauty and craftsmanship. It has an 18-carat yellow gold case. black ceramic bezel. The price of this watch is also similar to its beauty. According to The Indian Horology, the retail price of this watch is Rs 47.59 lakh. But, its price in the market can go up to Rs 2.50 crore. This watch has Paul Newman style counters. These are made on the dial.

This watch is very durable. It

sport

has a sapphire crystal that protects against scratches. It also has a screw-down crown with triple waterproof protection. The dial of the watch is black and white. It has luminous markers. This makes it easily visible in all kinds of light. It has an 18carat gold Oyster bracelet. This makes the watch safe and comfortable. Let us tell you that Virat Kohli is a big name in the world of cricket. As strong as he is on the field, his collection of expensive watches is equally great.

Yuzvendra-Dhanashree alimony amount also dominated social media

New Delhi (Agency). The storm in the life of Indian bowler Yuzvendra Chahal has stopped for the time being with an alimony of Rs 4.75 crore. Yuzvendra Chahal had to pay an alimony of Rs 4.75 crore to his wife for divorce. Along with the news of Yuzvendra Chahal, the alimony amount also dominated social media. Some said that they sympathized with Chahal, while some said that this cricketer got away cheaply. Many cricket fans also kept Yuzvendra Chahal's net worth and

from

Dhanashree Verma in December 2020. This marriage was not successful.

approved by the court on March 20. Yuzvendra Chahal and Dhanashree Verma have



Chahal and Dhanashree's relationship soon cracked. started separately from June 2022. Recently, news of their Dhanashree, out of which Rs

divorced by mutual consent. Under this, Chahal had promised to give Rs 4.75 crore (alimony) to

Yuzvendra Chahal married divorce came, which was 2.37 crore had been given. Now he has to pay the remaining According to reports, Yuzvendra Chahal's net worth is close to Rs 45 crore. The Indian leg-spinner earns the most from IPL.

Punjab Kings has bought him for Rs 18 crore for IPL 2025 itself. A team plays a minimum of 14 and a maximum of 17 matches in the IPL. If Yuzvendra Chahal plays 14 matches in the IPL this year, he will get around Rs 1.28 crore per match. He will also get a match fee of Rs 7.50 lakh per match in the

Aaron Finch said, Kohli is there, that's why Rohit bats aggressively

140 in 2023 and 154.70 in Australia captain Aaron Finch believes that Team 2024. Finch was asked India's star batsman Virat whether Kohli needs to Kohli has the art of scoring change his game to give full runs at a better strike-rate benefit to RCB. On this, the like any young T20 star, but former player said, "My the combination of the question is whether Royal Challengers / you want to see 700 Bangalore (RCB) team is or 800 runs from such that he will have to Kohli in the (IPL) focus on scoring big season or are you without risk. Finch said going to be happy that players like Rohit with 400 runs Sharma are constantly playing more risky cricket Kohli, however,

consistency. Finch said, so I don't think there is a need to make a big change in this. Maybe it's like changing the pace a bit. I would expect a big innings from him. Finch admitted that the game has changed a lot regarding the powerplay overs of the teams, but every batsman's strength is different. He said, it is not just about those players who try to bat at a strike rate of 200 from the first ball as soon as they come on the field. I think it is

bat at a higher strike rate then

there will be a lack of

unrealistic to ask seven batsmen in the same team to do this. He said, "I know that the game has gone to a new level in the last two seasons. But you still need to build a strong

innings at an average of

26.58 and an economy rate of

continuously till the end of the innings. India's ODI and Test captain Rohit Sharma also has an IPL strike rate similar to Kohli's, but he has batted with a more aggressive attitude in the last few years. Describing Rohit's case as different from Kohli, Finch said that when you look at Rohit's performance, then look at the players around him. He has a player around whom the team can bat. After this, it is okay for him to hit a lot of sixes in the initial overs. Mumbai Indians have players like Hardik Pandya, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Verma in the top and middle order. Finch said that Rohit can take this risk for India, because Kohli is also with him in the team.

Fan reached

Virat by

breaking the

security cordon

Veteran batsman Virat

Kohli is very popular

among his fans. How much

craze fans have for him.

This can be gauged from

the fact that in the first

match of IPL, a fan of Virat

crossed the security cordon

and reached him. In this

match, Virat played an

important role in the

victory against Kolkata

Knight Riders (KKR) by

scoring a brilliant half-

century on behalf of Royal

Challengers Bangalore

(RCB). During this, a large

number of fans had

reached the ground to see

Kohli. Meanwhile, a fan

came to the ground and

touched Kohli's feet. The

video of this incident has

gone viral on social media.

(Agency).

Kolkata

foundation and you need

players who are able to

change the strike and bat

Names of these two players

Wasim Jaffer made a prediction about the Orange and Purple Cap

Sudarshan for Rs 8.50 crore

after the 2024 season. The

Mumbai (Agency). IPL 2025 is about to start, before this the process of former cricketers giving predictions about the tournament continues. In this episode, former Team India opener and current expert Wasim Jaffer has made his prediction about the player with the most runs and the most wickets. This time Jaffer has named Sai Sudarshan as the contender for the Orange Cap and Arshdeep Singh for the Purple Cap. Sai is a part of Giants, Gujarat while Arshdeep is playing for Punjab Kings. This pair will clash on March 25 at the Narendra Modi Stadium. Gujarat Titans retained Sai

has proved

successful

in breaking

the myth of

slow batting

by scoring

left-handed batsman performed brilliantly last



10.03. Although he was not retained by PBKS after the season, the franchise reinducted him into their squad in the IPL 2025 mega auction for Rs 18 crore through a right-to-match card. The Orange Cap and Purple Cap have been won by Indian players in the last two seasons. Virat Kohli and Harshal Patel were the highest run- and wickettakers respectively in 2024, while Shubman Gill and Mohammed Shami wore it in 2023. Jos Buttler (2022) and Kagiso Rabada (2020) were the last foreign players to win the Orange Cap and Purple

well during the 2024 season. He took 19 wickets in 14 **Actress Disha Patani trolled for her** dress at IPL opening ceremony

Mumbai (Agency). Actress Disha Patani is being trolled for her dress at IPL opening ceremony. People are seen criticizing her dress on social media. Disha grabbed everyone's attention with her performance at this ceremony held at Eden Gardens in Kolkata, but people have raised questions on her dress. Many people have expressed their displeasure on social media regarding Disha's dress. Many social media

users said that people who

came with their families felt

uncomfortable seeing this type of dress. Disha was wearing an ivory bralette and matching skirt during the program. Many people

that the type of dress she came wearing, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) should not have given permission for it. One user wrote on social media, 'How did BCCI give permission for the program with such a this is watched by families and children too, while another user wrote, 'This act cannot be called right for a sports event.

praised the program but said

In this, when Virat was batting, an overly excited spectator reached him. After this, he hugged vulgar dress, knowing that all

Rahane said, we lost because the batsmen did not perform well

Kolkata (Agency). Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) captain Ajinkya Rahane is disappointed with the defeat at the hands of Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the very first match of the Indian Premier League (IPL). In this match, KKR's team, batting first, could only score 174 runs for 8 wickets. After this, RCB achieved this target in 16.2 overs at the loss of three wickets. After the match. Rahane said that we could have scored 200 to 210 runs but the team did not bat well due to which this figure could not be achieved. Rahane batted well in this match and scored 56 runs.

Rahane said, "We were playing well till the 13th over but after that our team came under pressure due to the fall of wickets. After that the batsmen tried their best but they were not successful. Initially it seemed that a score of 200-210 could be achieved but the situation changed due to the fall of wickets in between.

Rahane further said, "There was some dew in the match but the opposing team RCB played well in the powerplay which led to victory. He also said that now we do not want to think too much about this match but will try to perform better in some areas." In this match, Virat Kohli scored the highest unbeaten 59 runs for RCB while Phil Salt scored 56 and Rajat Patidar scored 34

IPL 20225

IPL.

Will the 300-run mark be crossed this time?



Mumbai (Agency). After the record-breaking batting of IPL 2024, cricket lovers are asking the question whether the 300-run mark will be crossed in IPL this time too. Former RCB director Mike Hesson believes that a score of 300 will definitely be made in IPL 2025. Aakash Chopra said in a Star Sports show that this time 300 runs are a certainty. The former Indian cricketer said that he feels that in IPL 2025, Sunrisers Hyderabad will score more than 100 runs in the powerplay not once, but twice. It is also possible that SRH can also score more than 300 runs. He already has stormy openers in the form of Travis Head and Abhishek Sharma. Ishan Kishan's firepower makes him stronger. After this, there is Heinrich Klaasen. AB de Villiers was also with Aakash Chopra in this show. He also believed that 300 runs can be made this time. However, he did not bet on any team for

this. On the question of 300 KKR's strategy consultant Nathan Leaman says, 'Yes, definitely. We have seen big scores in the last two years. We saw scores above 260 many times last year. Many times we saw that 100 runs were scored in the powerplay. The score will keep increasing rapidly. A lot has changed. Teams are looking for ways to take advantage of the new rule. Teams are increasing their aggression by keeping extra batsmen. So be prepared for a big score.' Let us tell you that Nathan Leaman has been the lead analyst of the England cricket team when it scored the highest score in ODIs. Cricket lovers know that before IPL 2024, the highest score of the tournament was 263/5, which was made by Roval Challengers Bangalore in 2013. It took 11 years for RCB to break this record. But in 2024,

IPL 2025: Ruturaj Gaikwad speaks on MS Dhoni's ball-striking and agelessness

of Chennai Super Kings' Premier League opener against Mumbai Indians, MS Dhoni spoke about how long he would continue to play for CSK.

"I can play for as long as I want for CSK. That's my franchise. Even if I'm in a wheelchair, they'll drag me," he said on JioHotstar ahead of the match against Mumbai Indians. Captain Ruturaj Gaikwad emphasised that Dhoni being on the team was beneficial for many of the newer players, who were still struggling to hit as well the long-time CSK player was doing ahead of the start of their season.

"A lot of new players have

strike the ball as good as he is have certain strengths that

sometimes they struggle to think it is remarkable. We crucial knocks for us," he there were specific target



striking it right now. So, definitely it inspires a lot of including myself," Gaikwad said. "So, whatever joined the team and he is doing at the age of 43, I

we have been following since the last two years. So, I think nothing much really changes and hopefully he will continue to deliver those

Gaikwad then spoke about the kind of training that Dhoni had been subjecting himself to ahead of the season opener, and said that

simple, focused on trying to hit as many as sixes as possible and trying to get the right swing, trying to be in the best shape," said Gaikwad. "That is what I think initially he was trying to do and then I never thought he was out of

areas that the 43-year-old

"I think his training is very

much limited to whatever he

tries to achieve or whatever

his role would be in the IPL.

So, it is pretty much very

was working on.

shape. If you see now, even Sachin Tendulkar is batting (in the Master's league) as great as he is right now at the age of 50. So, I think there are still many years to go (for Dhoni)," he said.

We would love to see some spin on wicket but, no complaints': Rahane on Eden Gardens strip

Delhi (Agency): Kolkata Knight Riders skipper Ajinkya Rahane said he had no complaints on how the Eden Gardens pitch behaved in the opening match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) against Royal Challengers Bengaluru but said that he hoped that in the next matches, the pitch offers some help for the home spinners. "We would love to see the pitch helping the spin bowlers but again, this wicket was under cover for the last one and a half days. Hazlewood used the conditions really well and bowled pretty well.

Again, we would love to see some spin on this wicket but again, no complaints. Both the spinners we have, the quality they have, they can bowl in any kind of wicket and I am sure they are confident as well. But again, the wicket was different, played different because it was under covers and it was raining yesterday," Rahane said at the post-match press conference. Hazlewood, whose decision to bowl short paid dividends on the pitch, said that it was a conscious choice, keeping in mind the conditions.

"It was more based on pitch and conditions. The full ball probably wasn't going to do as much unless you were searching for swing. I found that it was sort of sticking in the wicket a little and the bounce was quite good. I like bowling here at Eden Gardens. And yeah, we just sort of stuck to our lengths," the Australian pacer told reporters after the match. The Eden wicket did not offer much help to Kolkata's premier spinner Varun Chakravarthy with the Champions Trophy-winning bowler getting

thrashed all around the park by former teammate Phil Salt. In the 4th over of RCB's chase, Salt had taken Chakravarthy to task, smashing 21 runs with the help of 3 boundaries and a 6 with the bowler ending with 43 runs in his allotted 4 overs. The mystery spinner would end up taking out the Englishman but not before the damage had been done as RCB would end up building from that innings and winning the match by 7 wickets, ending their 4-match losing streak to

Madhya Pradesh is moving towards becoming a leader in solar energy production: Chief Minister Dr. Yadav

➤ Investment of more than Rs 5.72 lakh crore in renewable energy

➤ More than 1.4 lakh employment opportunities will be created

Bhopal (Agency): Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's solar energy production capacity has increased 32 times, making India the third largest solar energy producing country in the world. He has set a target of increasing the total renewable energy production to 500 gigawatts by the year 2030. To realize the vision of Prime Minister Modi, Madhya Pradesh is creating a new history in the field of solar energy. The renewable energy capacity of the state has increased more than 14 times in the last



underlined the important role

of Madhya Pradesh in this

development and said that

Madhya Pradesh currently

has a power generation

capacity of about 31,000

MW, of which 30% is green

energy. Chief Minister Dr.

Yadav has said that solar

energy will be the center of

the future economy. Madhya

achieving the goal

progress

Pradesh

remarkable

decade. The solid policies of state government, investment friendly environment technological innovations are making it 'Surya Dev Ka Varad Pradesh'. Madhya technology Pradesh's agnostic renewable energy policy in GIS-Bhopal has led to huge investment proposals being received in the renewable energy sector. Prime Minister Modi said at the inauguration of GIS-Bhopal that India's energy sector has made tremendous progress in the last decade. Minister Modi informed that in the last 10 years, an investment of \$70

billion (over Rs 5 trillion) has been made in the renewable energy sector. This has created more than 10 lakh jobs in the clean energy sector. Prime Minister Modi

made

of

Pradesh government is attracting an investment of Rs 5,21,279 crore in the renewable energy sector, which will create 1,46,592 jobs. In the renewable energy sector at GIS-Bhopal, companies Avaada Energy, MKC Infrastructure Energy Limited. Axis NSL Renewable Venture, Private Limited, Torrent Power and Jindal India Renewable Energy have submitted investment

■ Target of 20 GW
renewable energy
production by the year
2030

With the concrete efforts of the state government, Madhya Pradesh is emerging as a green-energy hub. At present, there are 5 large solar projects in the state, with a total production capacity of 2.75 GW (2,750 MW). The government is working with the goal of increasing the renewable energy production capacity to 20 GW (20,000 MW) by the year 2030.

■ Neemuch and Morena:
World class solar parks

Major solar projects are taking shape in the state, including the Neemuch 170 MW Solar Project and the Morena Hybrid Generation and Storage Park.
So far, 100 per cent land acquisition has been done in the Neemuch Solar Project and the project has become operational. This project is important for the Indian Railways and Madhya Pradesh Power Management

Company (MPPMCL), as currently power is being supplied to the Indian Railways from Madhya Pradesh.

The Morena Hybrid
Generation and Storage Park
will generate and store solar
energy during the day, while
the stored power will be
supplied during peak hours
at night. Advanced energy
management techniques will
be used in this park.

■ Energy self-sufficiency

for farmers The Madhya Pradesh government is promoting the Kusum scheme to provide additional income and energy self-sufficiency to farmers. Under this scheme, 1490 MW capacity plants have been approved in the Kusum-A scheme so far and out of them $570\,MW$ capacity plants have been selected. Out of these, 39 MW capacity plants have also been installed so far. So far 3000 MW capacity projects have been implemented in the Kusum-C scheme. Out of these, 40

MW capacity plants have been installed out of the selected projects of 529 MW capacity.

■ Mukhyamantri Solar Pump Yojana

In Madhya Pradesh, this scheme has a target of providing solar pumps to 30 lakh farmers in the next three years (10 lakh per year).

Prime Minister Modi has set

■ PM-Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme

a target of installing solar plants in 1 crore houses of the country by the year 2026 in the PM-Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme. So far, more than 10 lakh houses in the country have been illuminated by solar energy. Madhya Pradesh is emerging as a leading state in this. In this scheme, solar power of government buildings is being taken forward rapidly with the participation of private investors through the Renewable Energy Service Company model. In the scheme, savings in

electricity bills are being

encouraged by installing solar plants in high-income group colonies. With rapidly increasing

investment, low cost and better policies, Madhya Pradesh is emerging as a national center of solar energy. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that the state has become an energy surplus state. The state government is engaged in efforts to make the state self-reliant in the field of renewable energy production and make it a center of renewable energy

Madhya Pradesh: Major contributor to India's Net Zero Carbon target

supply in the country.

This initiative of the state government will play an important role in achieving India's 'Net Zero Carbon' target by the year 2070. Madhya Pradesh has rapidly become a state bringing revolution in the renewable energy sector. In the coming years, it will not only fulfill its own needs but will also be able to supply energy to other states.

BRIEF NEWS

Know in which cases the Outer North Police made the most arrests

Delhi (Agency): The Outer North district police has taken major action under Operation Constant by tightening the noose on criminals. In this special operation, a total of 78 criminals involved in snatching, robbery, theft, illegal weapons, gambling, fraud and liquor smuggling were arrested. According to DCP Nidhin Valson, this operation was conducted from March 15 to March 21, 2025, in which strict action was taken against the criminals and important evidence was also recovered. Under this campaign, 16 criminals were arrested in 11 cases of snatching, from whom 4 mobile phones and 1 motorcycle were recovered. 10 criminals were caught in 5 cases of vehicle theft, and 1 scooty and 1 mobile phone were recovered from them. 7 criminals were arrested in 5 cases of attempted murder, from whom 1 knife was recovered. At the same time, 2 criminals were arrested in 1 case of robbery, and the police recovered Rs 8,000 in cash. 4 criminals were caught in 3 cases of burglary, and household items were recovered from them. In 10 other theft cases, 16 criminals were arrested and 10 bags of rice were recovered from them. 7 people were arrested under illegal liquor smuggling and 548 liquor bottles and 1 car were seized from them. 3 criminals were arrested in 2 cases under illegal arms possession and 1 CMP gun, 3 live cartridges and 1 knife were recovered from them. 6 criminals were caught in 5 cases under Gambling Act and Rs 5,130 cash was recovered from them. 3 criminals were arrested in 1 case of extortion and the car used in the crime was recovered from them. 5 criminals were arrested in 3 cases of fraud and 4 mobile phones, 5 debit cards and Rs 1,00,500 cash were recovered from them. DCP Valson said that on the instructions of the Home Ministry, the police has increased patrolling in sensitive areas. This has led to a rapid increase in arrests in snatching cases. Apart from this, 127 people were taken into preventive custody and action was taken against 288 people under the Delhi Police Act. The DCP said that this campaign will continue to curb crime.

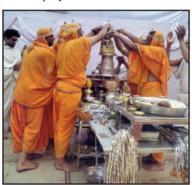
Minister Ashish Sood's big claim before Delhi budget session

Delhi (Agency): Before the start of the Delhi Assembly budget session, Ashish Sood, minister of many departments including education, home, discussed budget and education reforms with the officials of the education department on Saturday (March 22). During this, he emphasized on modern technologies, smart classrooms and skill development programs under the New Education Policy 2020. On the issue of water and electricity supply in Delhi, Minister Ashish Sood said that we cannot solve all the issues related to electricity infrastructure, water bills and water pollution in Delhi in just 100 days. Our priority during the first 100 days is to ensure uninterrupted power and water supply during summer. On the question of education model in Delhi, he said that the priority of the BJP government is to promote such an education system, on the basis of which the children of the national capital can be prepared for global competition. Our commitment is to develop Delhi as an educational hub through quality education, latest resources and effective policies. According to Delhi government minister and BJP MLA Ashish Sood, there is a school named Anna School in Mahavir Enclave. After sending their children there, mothers pray to God that they return home safely. This was the education model of Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi. He said that the condition of computer labs in Delhi schools is very bad. How will students prepare for the future? The infrastructure of most of the schools in Delhi is in a very bad condition. According to Delhi Education Minister Ashish Sood, in response to why yoga should not be taught in Delhi schools, he said that yoga should be taught. We are keeping an eye on all aspects, keeping in mind the spiritual health of children and the pressure they face.

Bhagwan Shri Rishabhdev's Janma Kalyanak Mahotsav was organized

Bhopal (Agency): The birth and tapasya kalyanak of the first Tirthankar Shri 1008 Bhagwan Rishabhdev, who is also known as Bhagwan Adinath, the founder of Jainism, who paved the way for Asi, Masi, agriculture, crafts, commerce, art in the world, was organized in the form of a grand ceremony at Shri Rishabhdev Udyan Manisha Market, Shahpura under the aegis of Shri Parasnath Digambar Jain Mandir Samiti Shahpura. In this program, a grand procession of Shri Rishabhdev Bhagwan from Shahpura Digambar Jain Temple reached Rishabhdev Udyan via the main road of Shahpura, where Bhagwan Rishabhdev was worshipped with Abhishek, Shanti Dhara and music. In this grand program, prominent people present were popular Huzur MLA Rameshwar Sharma Ji. retired DGP Rishabh Diwakar, Abhishek Shastri, media in-charge, Union Minister of Agriculture and Development, Commissioner Dr. Sudhir Jain posted in Rural Development Department. Diwakar Ji explained the antiquity of Jainism and the principles propounded by Lord Rishabhdev and emphasized on following them in the present times.

Abhishek Shastri compared the various ancient cultures of the world and their mentioned primitive personalities with Lord Rishabhdev Adinath and told how ancient legends are heard in Japanese, Jewish, Christian circles which accept the antiquity of Lord Rishabhdev. Dr.



Sudhir Jain said that Lord Rishabhdev has been mentioned and described with respect in the verses of mythological texts - Rigveda, Bhagvadgita etc. MLA Rameshwar Sharma, who was present as the chief guest, in his detailed address described Jainism as the original religion of India and the main religion originated in India. Quoting Sanatan and Shramana culture in his address, he said that Lord Rishabhdev and Lord

Shri Ram belonged to the same lineage. Lord Shri Krishna and Lord Neminath also belonged to the same lineage. In the present situation, he appealed to the parents to give religious sanskar to children, especially girls, only then our culture and traditions can remain safe. In the context of developing the Rishabhdev Garden, Shri Sharma said that whatever requirement will be made from the administration, full help will be given in that. In this program, all the officials of various temples located in Shahpura and Chunabhatti and nearby, Jain followers, children and teachers of Digambar Jain School, Shahpura Mahila Mandal, Muni Seva Samiti, Srujan Group, students of discipline and Digambar Jain Mahasabha, all the officials of Shri Parasnath Digambar Jain Temple Committee Shahpura, President Deep Jain, Minister Santosh Jain, Engr Suhagmal Jain, Rajendra Jain TI, Engr, Rajendra Kumar Jain, Engr Subodh Jain, Amit Modi, Engr Abhay Saraf, etc. all the community members were present in large numbers. The program was organised by Chakresh Shastri. Engr Anurag Jain and Amit Jain conducted the musical worship with

Dance and singing was presented in Sambhavna activity



Bhopal (Agency): An activity called Sambhavna, focused on dance, singing and playing, is being organized at the Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum, in which Dhandal dance was presented by Korku tribal Shri Gopal Korku and companions-Harda, Ahirai dance by Shri Jabalpur, companions-Nimari singing by Ms. Sheetal Atre and companions-Indore on 23 March 2025. Korku tribal Dhandal dance was presented by Shri Gopal Korku and companions in the activity. Dhandal is the most popular dance of the Korkus.

performed during leisure time on the nights of Chaitra-Vaishakh. On the basis of postures, there are five types of Dhandal dance, namely Tada or Dhakar Dhandal, Padop Dhandal, Dhandal, Sidiku Dhandal and Chacharij Dhandal. The musicians are outside the circle. The dancer has a stick in his hand. The stick hits the stick of the dancer standing in the front circle. The dancers standing in the circle go round and round and while clashing the sticks they change their positions from small circle to

Bangladeshi national arrested from Delhi's Mahipalpur accused of staying illegally



Delhi (Agency): There was a stir in Delhi's Mahipalpur area when the Special Staff Team of South-West District Police an illegal Bangladeshi intruder who was absconding for a long time. The accused was identified as Ashraful Alam Raihad Talukdar, who hails from Netrokona district of Bangladesh. According to the police, he had entered Delhi by crossing the border of India illegally two months ago and was living secretly in Mahipalpur here. Here, the South-West District Police was keeping a close watch on illegal immigrants and suspicious activities in the area for a long time. Meanwhile, the Special Cell received an information that a foreigner was living in Mahipalpur area without valid documents. As soon as the

information was received, the police swung into action and SI Vikram Lamba and his team, led by Inspector Vijay Baliyan, cordoned off the area and started searching for the suspicious person. As soon as $the \,police \,team \,asked \,Ashraful$ about his identity, he kept talking about irrelevant things at first. But when the team interrogated him strictly, he himself confessed that he is a resident of Bangladesh and had entered India illegally. The police team did not have any Indian identity card with him, only photocopies of Bangladeshi documents were found. After this, the police immediately detained the accused and interrogated him and after completing all the legal formalities, sent him to the Deportation Center of Foreign Regional Registration Office (FRRO).

Sanjay Singh's big statement in Justice Yashwant Verma cash case

Delhi (Agency): The ongoing controversy over the cash found in the residence of Justice Yashwant Verma of Delhi High Court has not stopped yet. Now Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh has raised questions about this issue. He has said on X-post that this is a matter of public trust in the justice system. Actually, AAP MP Sanjay Singh has written on X-post that it is not the sacks of notes in the house of Delhi High Court Judge Yashwant Verma, but the credibility of the Indian judiciary that has been burnt. He further said, there is also a discussion that a large further action in this part of these bundles case is likely to be of notes belongs to a decided. In fact, this retired sahib. Apart case related to Justice from this, he has Yashwant came into asked whether the the headlines when a judiciary will try to fire broke out in erase the stain on itself by taking strict Verma's Delhi action in this matter? In residence on March 14, this case related to Justice 2025, i.e. on the night of Holi at around 11.35 pm. Yashwant Verma, Delhi High Court Chief Justice DK After the information of the Upadhyay has submitted a report fire, firefighters of the Delhi Fire to Supreme Court Chief Justice Sanjeev Department reached there to extinguish the fire. While extinguishing the fire, the Khanna on Friday. Justice Upadhyay had started an in-house investigation process to firefighters allegedly found a huge amount of

half-burnt cash in a room. However, there is

no mention of finding cash in the statement

issued by the Fire Department.

Real brothers become crime partners of Burari

Delhi (Agency): You must that two brothers enter the world of crime together, but this is not a film story. Two real brothers Vikas and Abhishek had become 'crime partners' together in the streets of Burari. Delhi Police has made a big attack on the snatchers spreading terror in the area by arresting these two notorious snatcher and auto lifter brothers in just 24 hours. On 20 March 2025, at around 8:50 am, Rahul, a resident of Nathupura, went out for a morning walk on 100 Feet Road to get some fresh air like every day. Suddenly, two boys on a black Hero Splendor bike pounced on him and snatched his Vivo Y-12 mobile and fled. Rahul immediately raised an alarm, and like a film scene, people chased them, but both the miscreants left the bike and fled. Seeing the bike's number, the police suspected that it might be stolen. As soon as the matter reached PS Burari, SI Naveen Sindhu and his team under the leadership of SHO Sanjay Kumar came into action mode. CCTV footage of every street in the area was searched. Then what, the faces of both the accused were clearly visible in the

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collect evidence and information in the cash

case. Now the Supreme Court collegium will

investigate this report. After that, the form of